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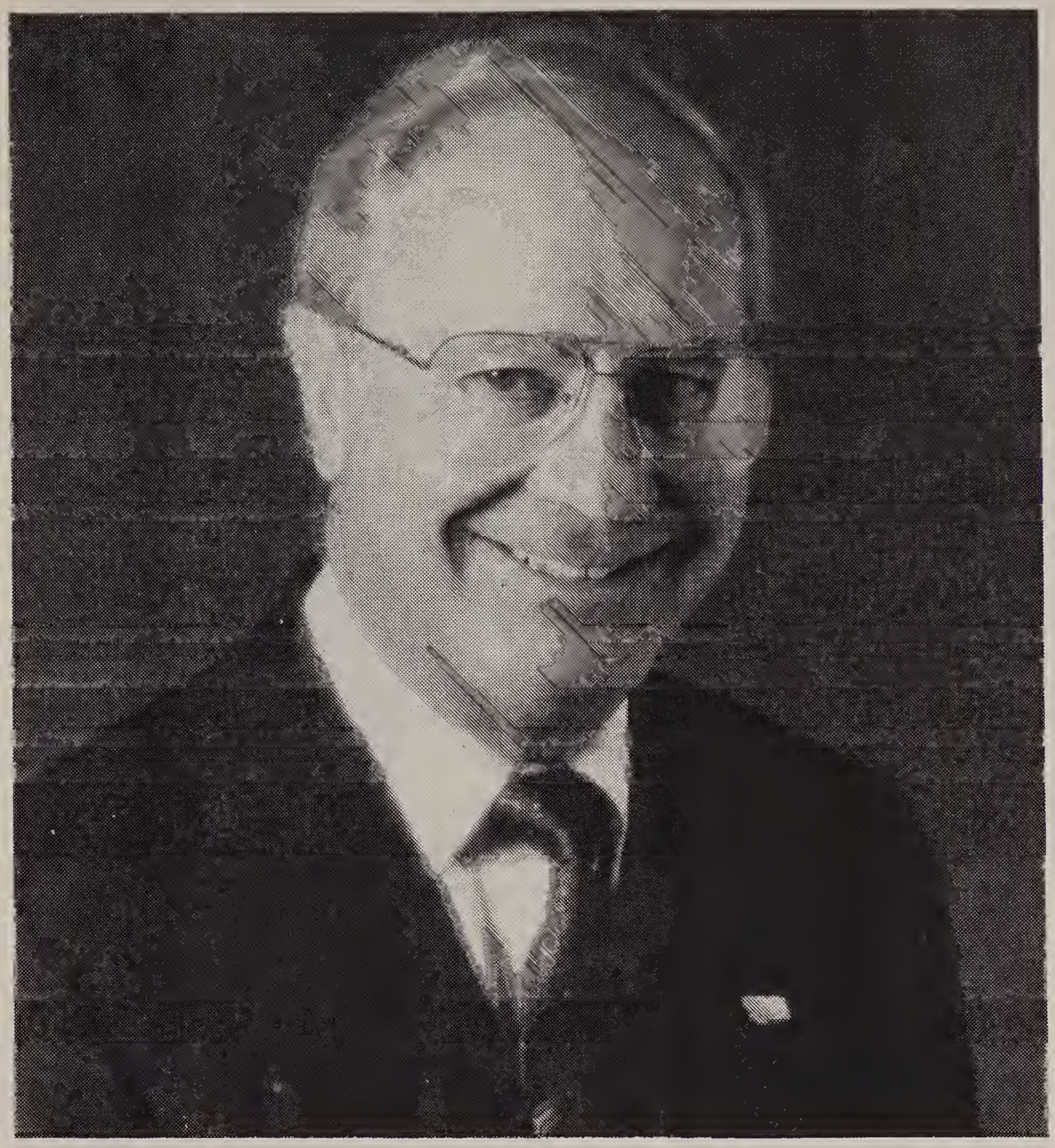
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GOVERNOR STAN STEPHENS

STAN STEPHENS has been a Montana resident since 1949. He came to Montana at the age of 19 from Calgary, Alberta where he was born Sept. 16, 1929, and embarked upon a thirty-eight year broadcast career which involved work in three countries.

During his broadcast years, Stephens was the president and chief executive officer of three Montana cable television systems and two Montana radio stations. He received numerous state and national awards for his broadcast journalism and editorial commentary, and was a guest commentator with the international Voice of America radio network.

The Havre Republican began his political career in 1968 when he was elected to the Montana Senate. During his sixteen-year legislative career, Stephens held the distinction of being elected to every leadership position in the Montana Senate.

Stephens retired from the State Senate in 1986 and began a two-year campaign for governor. He was elected in 1988 and serves as Montana's 19th Governor and the first Republican to hold that position for two decades.

In addition to serving as Montana's chief executive, Stephens has been active in national and regional affairs through his involvement with the National Governors' Association and the Western Governors' Association. In 1990, President Bush selected Stephens to serve as one of four governors on the prestigious Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations.

Stephens is married. He and his wife, Ann, have two daughters.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALLEN KOLSTAD

ALLEN KOLSTAD was born in Chester, Montana on Dec. 24, 1931. He attended Concordia College from 1949-1951 before returning to the farm south of Chester which he has operated for 37 years. He was president of the Chester Implement Co. and president of the Kolstad Grain Company.

In 1968, he was elected to the Montana Legislature as Liberty County's first Republican legislator in 48 years. He served in the House from 1969 to 1975 and the Senate from 1975 to 1988. While in the Senate, Kolstad was President Pro-Tempore for three sessions. He also chaired Montana's Legislative Council, the American Legislative Exchange Council, serving on its Export and Trade Council, and chaired the Interim Legislative Committee of Problems in Agriculture. During the past nineteen years he has been a member of most of the legislative committees.

He is a past director of the Montana Chamber of Commerce and has served as the Chamber's agriculture chairman. Kolstad served as State Director of Montana Jaycees and was president of the Montana Water Development Association. Under President Ford, Kolstad was appointed to the District Export Council for Western States. He was Montana's Co-Chairman for Reagan for President in 1976 and Montana's Co-Chairman for Farmers and Ranchers for Reagan in 1980.

Lt. Governor Kolstad was elected to his present office in 1988 and was the Republican nominee to the U.S. Senate in 1990.

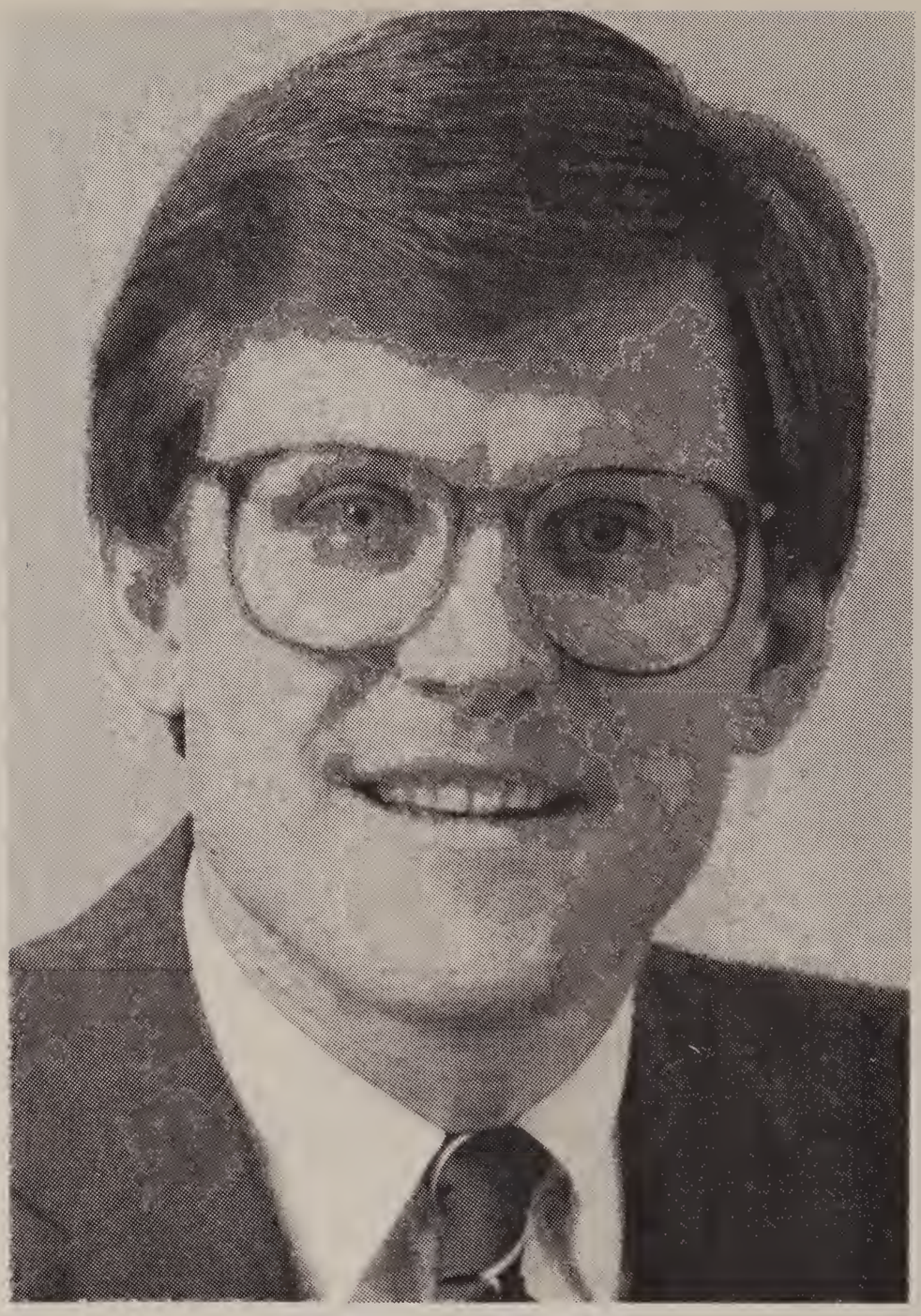
Kolstad is a member of the Masonic Lodge (past Master), Algeria Shrine and Jesters. He is a former Alumni Board member of Concordia College, Moorehead, Minnesota.

For many years he was president of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre. He is a member of the St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Ledger, and has served as the president.

Kolstad married Iva Matteson in 1951 and they have four children. Cedric of Nashville, TN; Chris of Ledger; Cheryl Gagnon of Hong Kong; and Corrine Neill of Scottsdale, AZ; and 10 grandchildren; Tara, Krystal, Allen Henry, Amanda, Cary, Brittney, Alexandra, Benjamin, Robert and Daina.

The Senate

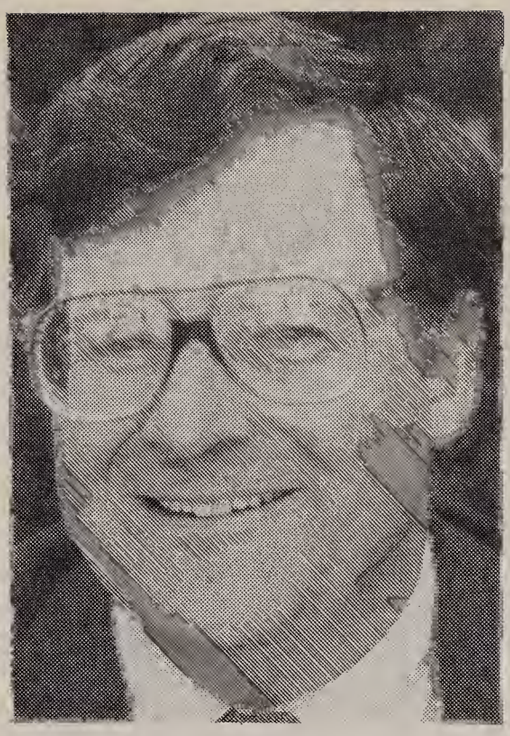
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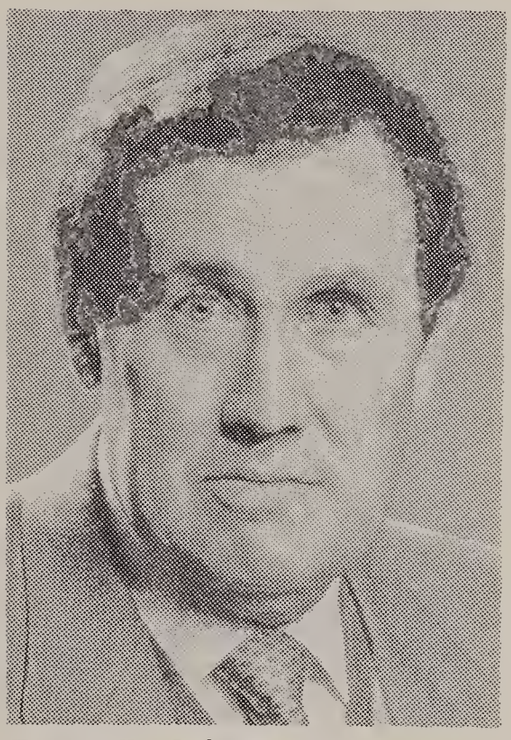
JOE MAZUREK
President of the Senate

Joe Mazurek - Helena, District 23, Democrat. He was born July 27, 1948, in San Diego, Calif., coming to Montana a year later. A 1966 graduate of Helena High School, he earned bachelor of arts degrees in business and finance from the University of Montana in 1970. After serving in the U.S. Army, Air Defense Artillery, from 1970-72, Mazurek returned to UM where he received a juris doctorate degree. He has been a member of the law firm Gough, Shanahan, Johnson and Waterman in Helena ever since. First elected to the Senate in 1981, he has been a member of the Revenue Oversight Committee since 1983 and twice chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is a commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law. His wife's name is Patti. The couple has three sons, Tom, Jeff and Dan.

Fred Van Valkenburg - Missoula, District 30, Democrat. Born May 3, 1948, in Denver; came to Billings in 1957; attended local schools; B.B.A. Gonzaga University, J.D. University of Montana; served as Asst. City Attorney and Public Defender in Missoula; deputy Missoula County Attorney; Chairman of Legislative Finance Committee 1983-84, Senate Majority Leader 1985, Senate Floor Leader 1987; served in Senate since 1979; wife's name is Carol; they have one son and one daughter.



Fred Van Valkenburg
Senate Majority Leader



Bruce D. Crippen - Billings, District 45, Republican. Born June 13, 1932, in Billings; graduate of University of Montana, University of Montana School of Law and New York University Graduate School of Law; real estate investments; veteran U.S. Navy; served in Senate since 1981; Minority Whip 1985; wife's name is Mary; they have four children.

Bruce D. Crippen
Senate Minority Leader

J.D. Lynch - Butte, District 34, Democrat. Born Sept. 17, 1947, in Butte; graduate of Western Montana College, Masters Degree NMC; adult basic education teacher; selected outstanding alumni of Western Montana College; member Legislative Council 1977-78, since 1985; served in House 1971 to 1978, in Senate since 1982; wife's name is Shannon, they have one daughter.



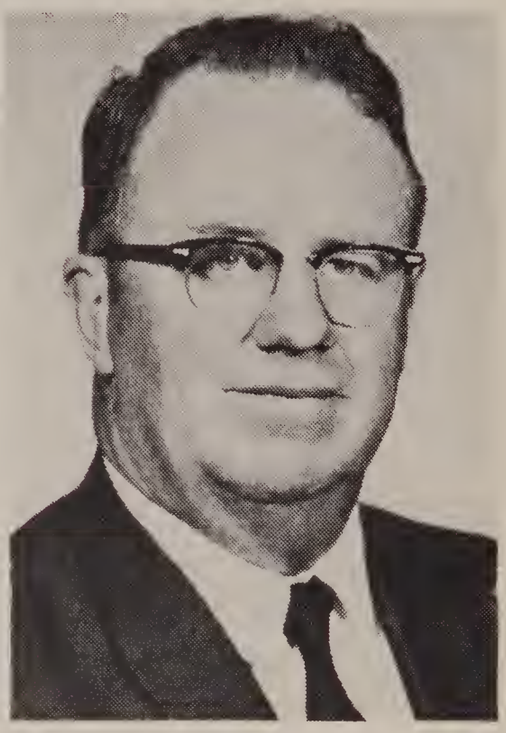
J.D. Lynch
President Pro Tempore



Gary C. Aklestad

Gary C. Aklestad - Galata, District 6, Republican. Born Dec. 9, 1934, in Shelby; attended local and Kalispell schools; farmer-rancher; served two years U.S. Army; recipient of Farmer of the Year Award, Elk of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, 1972; selected to Kellogg Extension Education Project at MSU from 1974-76; past GOP Toole County Chairman; served in Senate since 1979; Senate Majority Whip 1983; Senate Republican Floor Leader 1987; wife's name is Beth, they have three daughters.

John Anderson, Jr. - Alder, District 37, Republican. Born July 9, 1916, in Dillon; attended local schools; rancher; delegate to Constitutional Convention; appointed to committee of Montana Citizens for Court Improvement; served two terms in House of Representatives, served in Senate since 1985; wife's name is Estella; they have two sons and two daughters.



John Anderson, Jr.



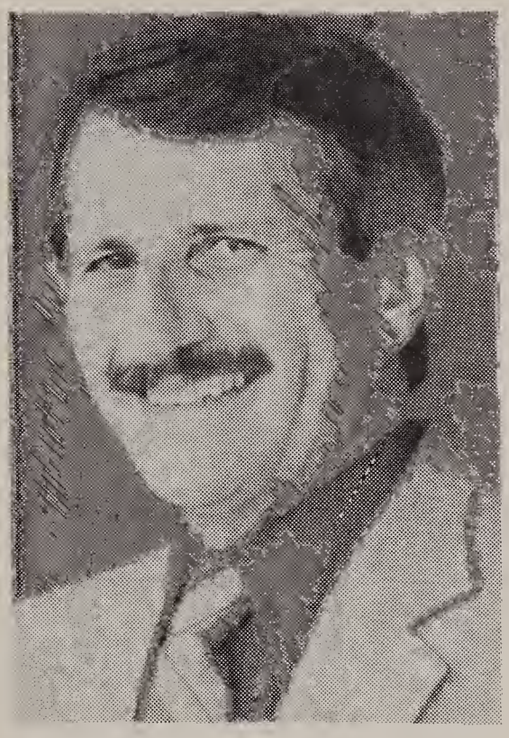
Tom Beck

Tom Beck - Deer Lodge, District 24, Republican. Born Nov. 14, 1939, in Deer Lodge; attended Deer Lodge schools and Montana State University; rancher; has served as Powell County Commissioner, president of Montana Association of Counties and chairman of Powell Hospital Board; served in Senate since 1987; wife's name is Kay; they have two daughters and a son.

Esther G. Bengtson - Shepherd, District 49, Democrat. Born Oct. 30, 1927, in Froid; attended University of Montana, B.S. degree from Eastern Montana College in social science, business education and library science; retired educator, farm wife; State Water Planning Advisory Committee, Legislative Water Policy Committee, Water Research Advisory Committee, Dick-Sloan Task Force; served in House 1975 to 1983, in the Senate since 1985; husband's name is Lawrence; they have three daughters.



Esther G. Bengtson



Don Bianchi

Don Bianchi - Belgrade, District 39, Democrat. Born Dec. 11, 1938 in White Sulphur Springs; graduate of White Sulphur Springs High School and Montana State University with BA and MA in fish and wildlife management; retired biologist and regional information officer with Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; president, Montana Jaycees, 1968-69; vice president, U.S. Jaycees, 1969-70; served in Senate 1991; he has two daughters and one son.

Chet Blaylock - Laurel, District 43, Democrat. Born Nov. 13, 1924; B.A. in History and English and a Masters in education from the University of Montana; retired teacher; Chairman Montana State Democratic Central Committee 1967-69; Constitutional Convention delegate; Dean of Senate Democrats; served in Senate since 1975; Democratic Minority Leader 1979-81-83; Senate Pro-Tem 1985; veteran U.S. Navy World War II; wife's name is Milly; they have two sons and three daughters.



Chet Blaylock



Robert J. (Bob) Brown

Robert J. (Bob) Brown - Whitefish, District 2, Republican. Born Dec. 11, 1947, in Missoula; B.A. degrees in political science and history form Montana State University; Master of Education degree from University of Montana; teacher; Navy veteran; Dean of Senate Republicans; served in House 1971-74, in Senate since 1975; wife's name is Susan; they have two daughters.

Betty Bruski - Wibaux, District 12, Democrat. Born Sept. 15, 1927 in Ekalaka; graduate of Wibaux County High School; retired farmer/ rancher, sewing machine dealer; member, Custer County Board of Directors and its marketing committee; has held offices in several civic, fraternal and religious organizations; served in Senate 1991; widow, she has six daughters and four sons.



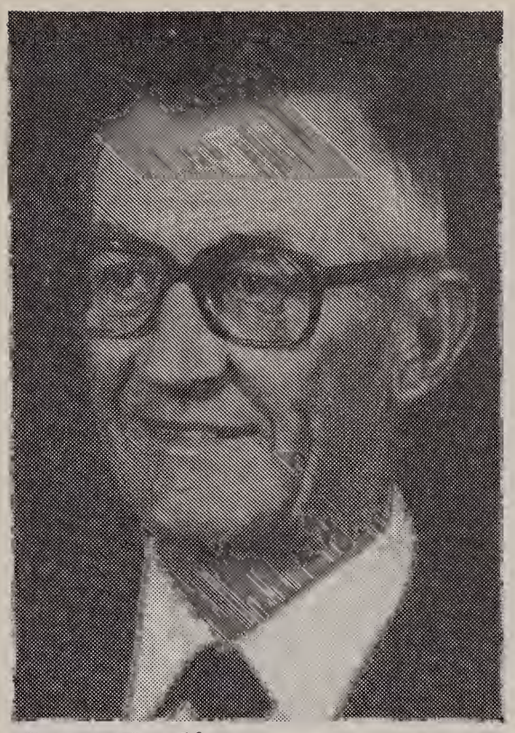
Betty Bruski



Jim Burnett

Jim Burnett - Luther, District 42, Republican. Born July 1, 1917 on family ranch west of Red Lodge; attended Billings Polytech; rancher; Paul Harris fellow; served in Army Air Corps in World War II and Air Force Reserve, liason to Air Force Academy; served in House 1969-74 and 1977-82, in Senate 1991; wife's name is Betty, they have two daughters.

Gerry Devlin - Terry, District 13, Republican. Born Sept. 11, 1931, in Miles City; attended local schools; farmer/rancher; veteran U.S. Army 1951-53; past-president Montana Woolgrowers Assn.; served in House 1981-87; wife's name is Isabelle; they have three sons.



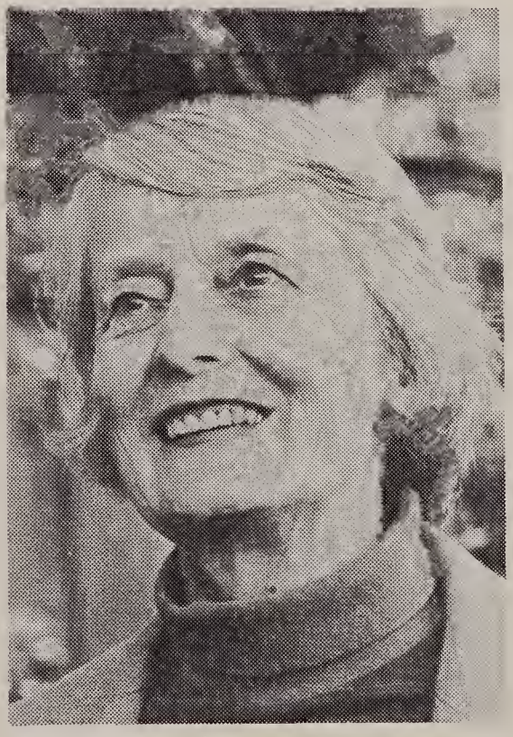
Gerry Devlin



Steve Doherty

Steve Doherty - Great Falls, District 20, Democrat. Born May 5, 1952 in Great Falls; graduate of Great Falls Central High School, University of Pennsylvania with BA, and Lewis & Clark Law School with JD; attorney; served in Senate 1991; wife's name is Torian Donohoe.

Dorothy Eck - Bozeman, District 40, Democrat. Born Jan. 23, 1924, in Sequim, Wash.; came to Montana in 1946; B.S. and M.S. from Montana State University; small business; delegate to Constitutional Convention 1971-72; served in Senate since 1981; she has one son and one daughter.



Dorothy Eck



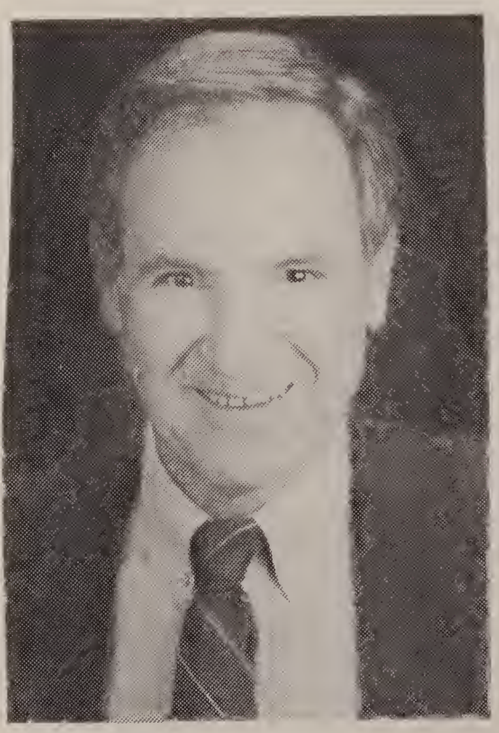
William E. Farrell

William E. Farrell - Missoula, District 31, Republican. Born August 22, 1948, in Falls River Mills, Calif.; came to Montana in 1963; graduated Stevensville High School, attended Western Montana College; owner/operator trucking company; served on Governor's Transportation Advisory Council; member, national Motor Carrier advisory committee, member Board of Directors Montana Motor Carriers and Independent Drivers Association of America; U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; served in Senate since 1985; Senate Republican Whip 1987; wife's name is Kathleen; they have one son and one daughter.

Eve Franklin - Great Falls, District 17, Democrat. Born Aug. 14, 1954 in New York, came to Montana in 1987; attended Eartham College and Herbert H. Lehman College, BS an MS degrees in nursing; nurse/educator; served in Senate 1991.



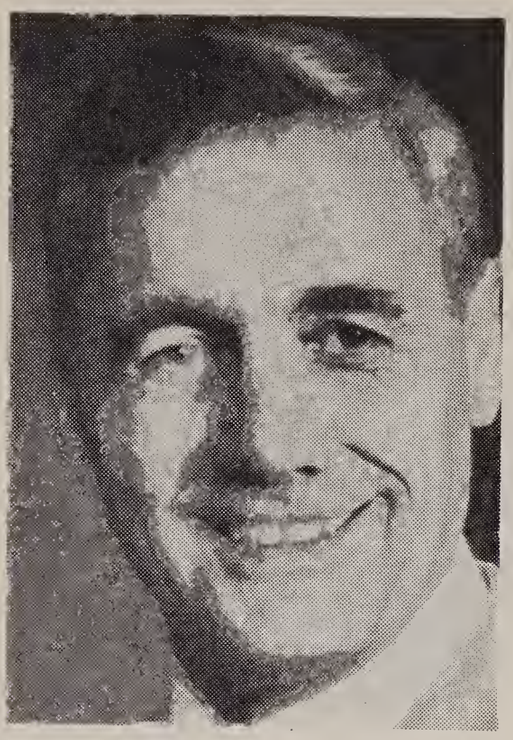
Eve Franklin



Harry Fritz

Harry Fritz - Missoula, District 38, Democrat. Born Sept. 28, 1937 in Salisbury, Maryland, came to Montana in 1953; AB from Dartmouth College; MA in history from University of Montana, PhD from Washington University, St. Louis; historian, teaching and writing; Phi Kappa Phi 1972 Teacher of the Year; University Merit Awards 1974-83-86-90; served in House 1985-88, in Senate 1991; wife's name is Nancy, they have two children.

Delwyn Gage - Cut Bank, District 5, Republican. Born Nov. 28, 1930, in Clavin, N.D.; came to Montana in 1935; educated at B.Y.U. in Accounting and Finance; School District 15 Trustee for 9 years; U.S. Marine Corps Korean Conflict; served in Senate since 1983; Senate Majority Leader, 1989; wife's name is Marlene; they have three daughters and three sons.



Delwyn Gage



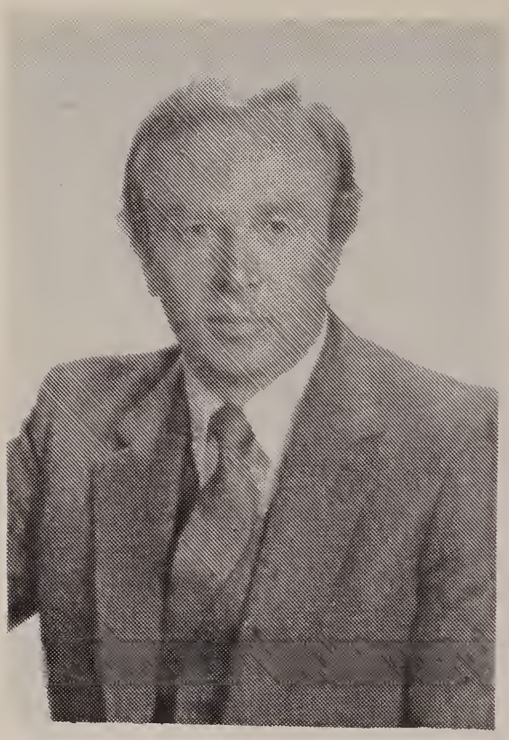
Lorents Grosfield

Lorents Grosfield - Big Timber, District 41, Republican. Born Aug. 27, 1944 in Billings; attended high school in California, BA in business administration, Colorado State University; 12 years as Conservation District supervisor, member, Montana Board of Natural Resources, 1989-present; U.S. Army, 1967-68, Vietnam veteran; served in Senate 1991; wife's name is Syd, they have three sons.

Thomas O. Hager - Billings, District 48, Republican. Born Feb. 2, 1938, in Minneapolis; came to Montana in 1940; retired egg producer; graduate of Montana State University; served in House 1973 to 75, in Senate since 1977; wife's name is Connye; they have one daughter and one son.



Thomas O. Hager



Mike Halligan - Missoula, District 29, Democrat. Born July 9, 1949; attended Billings West High School; Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science, University of Montana, Master's degree in public administration, University of Montana; law degree, University of Montana; U.S. Army veteran; attorney; served in Senate since 1981; wife's name is Leslie, they have one son.

Mike Halligan



H.W. "Swede" Hammond - Malta, District 9, Republican. Born Nov. 15, 1917, in Westby; attended Northern Montana College, Elementary Life Certificate in Education, B.A. and M.A. degrees from University of Montana, M.A. degree in Education Administration; retired educator, farmer/rancher; bomber pilot World War II, 33 combat missions; inducted into "Montana Coaches Hall of Fame" 1984; served in Senate since 1981; wife's name is Ella, they have two sons and one daughter.

H.W. "Swede" Hammond



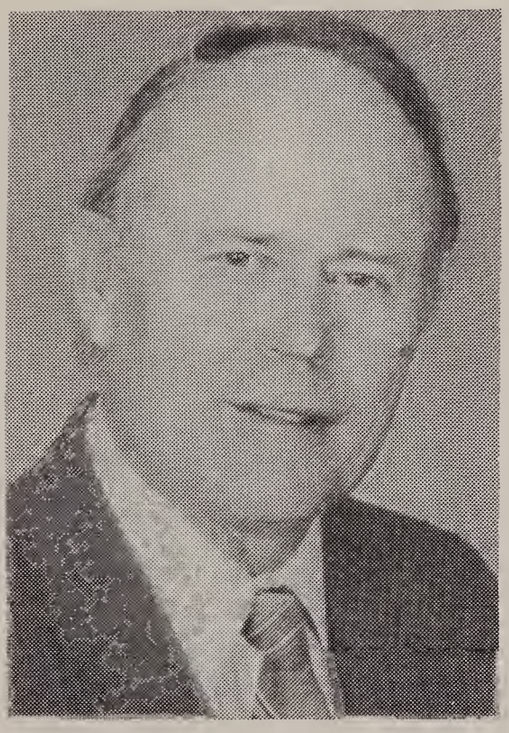
Ethel M. Harding - Polson, District 25, Republican. Born Sept. 19, 1927, in Fishtail; attended local schools; attended Heald's Business College in Sacremento; secretary/treasurer Mission Valley Concrete Industries, Inc.; served 18 years as Clerk and Recorder of Lake County; served in Senate since 1985; husband's name is Warren, they have a family of two.

Ethel M. Harding

John G. Harp - Kalispell, District 4, Republican. Born Sept. 26, 1952, in Vancouver, WA; came to Montana in 1954; attended local schools and Missoula Business College; businessman; served in the House 1981-87; in Senate since 1989; wife's name is Kathy, they have two sons.



John G. Harp



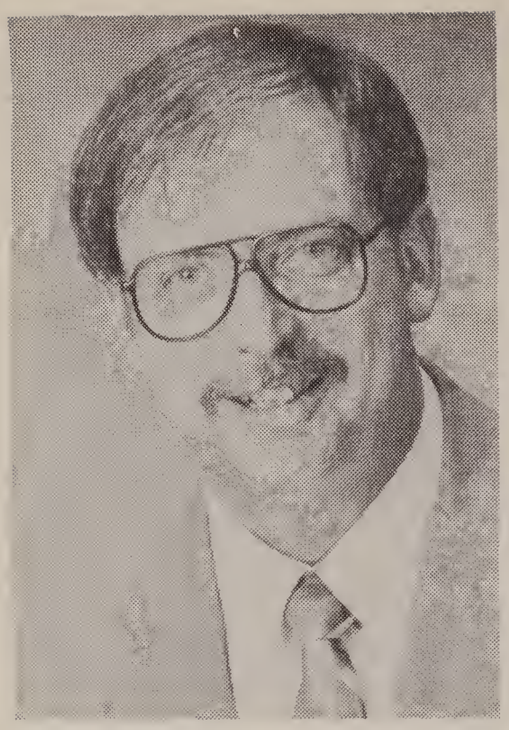
Bob Hockett

Bob Hockett - Havre, District 7, Democrat. Born Sept. 12, 1925 in Havre; graduate of Havre High School, Montana State University with BS in agricultural education, Oregon State University with MS in industrial education; farmer/rancher/educator; Hill County Conservation District supervisor; U.S. Army veteran; served in Senate 1991; he has four daughters and one son.

Judy Jacobson - Butte, District 36, Democrat. Born Feb. 26, 1939, in Indiana; came to Butte in 1973; attended University of Wisconsin majoring in Social Work; businesswoman; served in Senate since 1981; Senate Democratic Whip 1987; husband's name is John, they have two daughters and one son.



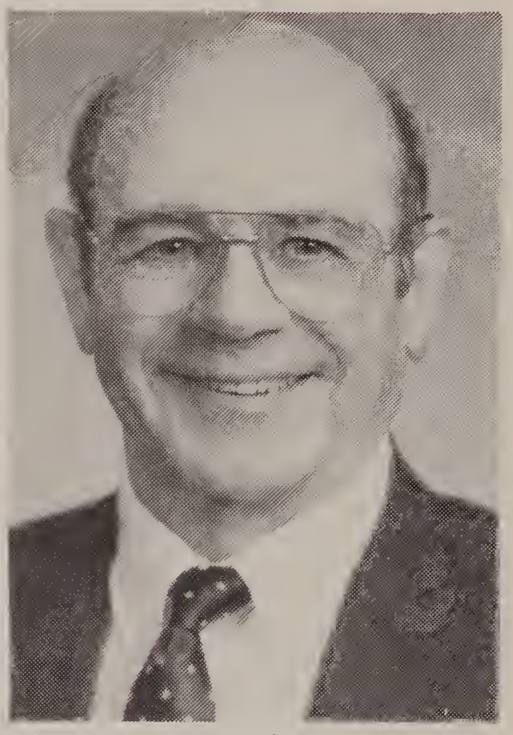
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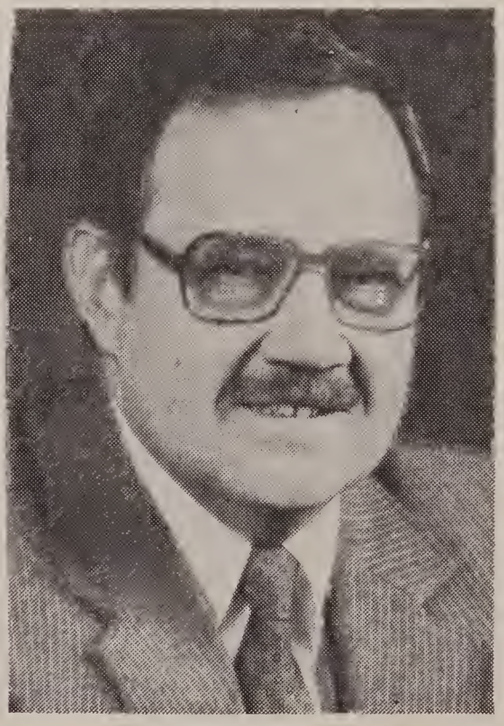
Greg Jergeson

Greg Jergeson - Chinook, District 8, Democrat. Born Dec. 29, 1950, in Havre; attended Chinook schools; B.A. in political science from University of Montana; farmer/rancher; Montana Board of Investments, 1981-85; Blaine County Planning Board, 1983; served in Senate 1974 to 1980 and since 1987; assistant minority leader, 1979; wife's name is Barb, they have two children.

Thomas F. Keating - Billings, District 44, Republican. Born Nov. 26, 1928, in Langdon, N.D.; came to Montana in 1936; degree from Portland University in Business Administration; self-employed in petroleum industry; served in Senate since 1981; Minority Whip in 1991; veteran U.S. Air Force; wife's name is "Luke"; they have four sons and one daughter.



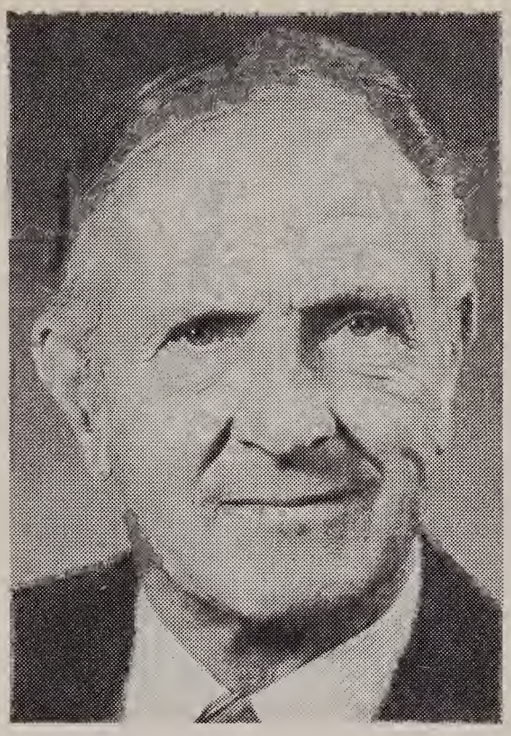
Thomas F. Keating



John "Ed" Kennedy, Jr.

John "Ed" Kennedy, Jr. - Kalispell, District 3, Democrat. Born Jan. 17, 1939 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, came to Montana in 1977; graduate of Colorado Springs, Colorado, High School and Southwestern State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma, with BS in pharmacy; pharmacist; mayor of Kalispell, 1986-1990; Governor's Gaming Advisory Committee; active in Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Knights of Columbus, Cub Scouts and State Pharmaceutical Assn.; served in Senate 1991; wife's name is Charlotte, they have two daughters and a son.

Francis Koehnke - Townsend, District 16, Democrat. Born Dec. 30, 1918, in Hay Springs, Neb.; came to Montana in 1951; attended University of Nebraska; farmer; past president Montana Potato Improvement Assn. and past vice president of the National Potato Council; Montana director to the National Potato Promotion Board for six years; served on Governor's Ad Hoc Committee on agriculture and livestock; past supervisor of Broadwater County Conservation District; veteran Army-Air Force; served in House 1983-90, in Senate 1991; wife's name is Betty Jean, they have a family of four.



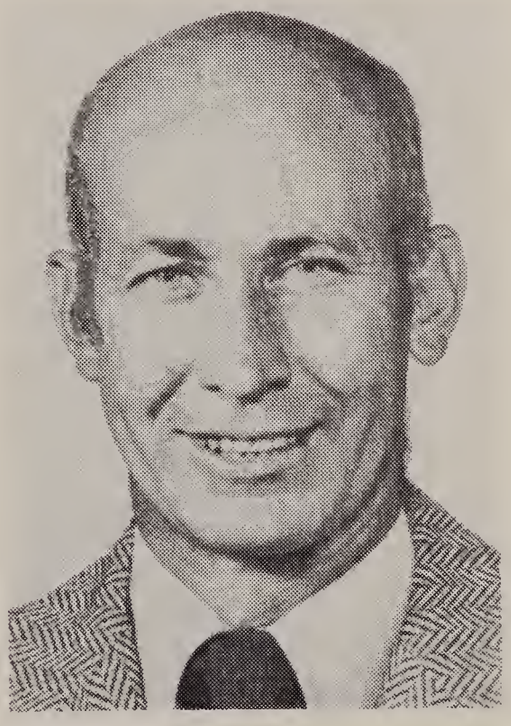
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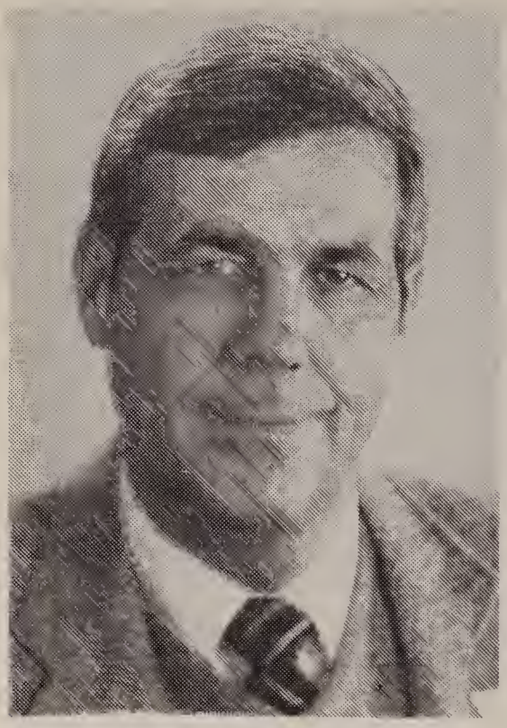
Richard E. (Dick) Manning

Richard E. (Dick) Manning - Great Falls, District 18, Democrat. Born July 25, 1926, in Great Falls; attended local schools; clerk, retired fire fighter; served in U.S. Army Infantry; served in House 1979 to 1981, in Senate since 1983; wife's name is Jody, they have a family of three.

Dennis Nathe - Redstone, District 10, Republican. Born Dec. 12, 1938, in Scobey; B.S., from St. Benedicts, Kansas, M.S. from Creighton University, Neb.; farmer/rancher; 9 years supervisor Sheridan County Conservation District, served as vice-chairman Montana Rangeland Improvement Committee, served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Environmental Quality Council and as state chairman of the Society for Range Management; Conservation Farmer of the Year 1981 and is listed in the "Who's Who in the West"; served in House 1977 to 1979 and 1985-87, in Senate since 1989; U.S. Army Reserve; wife's name is Della, they have a family of two.



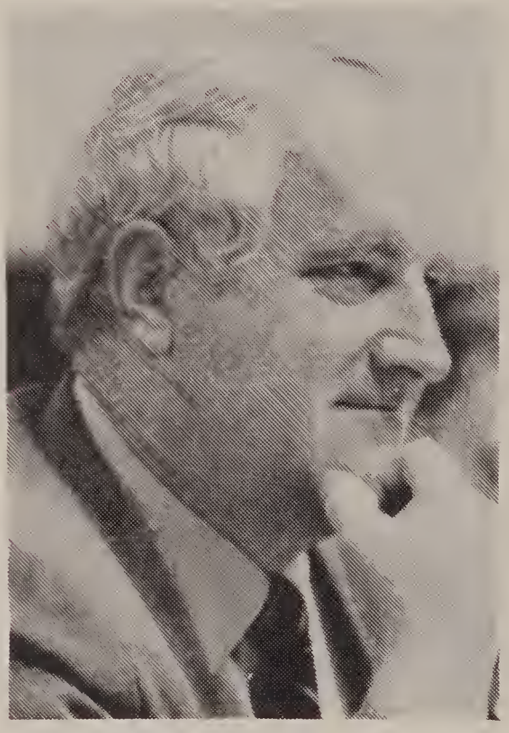
Dennis Nathe



Jerry Noble

Jerry Noble - Great Falls, District 21, Republican. Born March 11, 1937, in Great Falls; attended Great Falls schools and the College of Great Falls; owner, Jerry Noble Tires; director and past president, Montana Tire Dealers Association; past state director, National Tire Dealers Association; director, Montana Retail Association; director, Associates of Montana Mining; advisory council, Columbus Hospital; U.S. Marine Corps veteran; served in the Senate since 1989; he has two sons and one daughter.

Dick Pinsoneault - St. Ignatius, District 27, Democrat. Born Oct. 15, 1929, in St. Ignatius; BA in education and L.L.B. from University of Montana; private law practice; former chairman, Board of Trustees, School District 28, co-founder and board member, Mission Valley Old Town Development Corporation and St. Ignatius Heritage Foundation; retired U.S. Navy attorney; served in Senate since 1985; wife's name is Mary, they have a family of four.



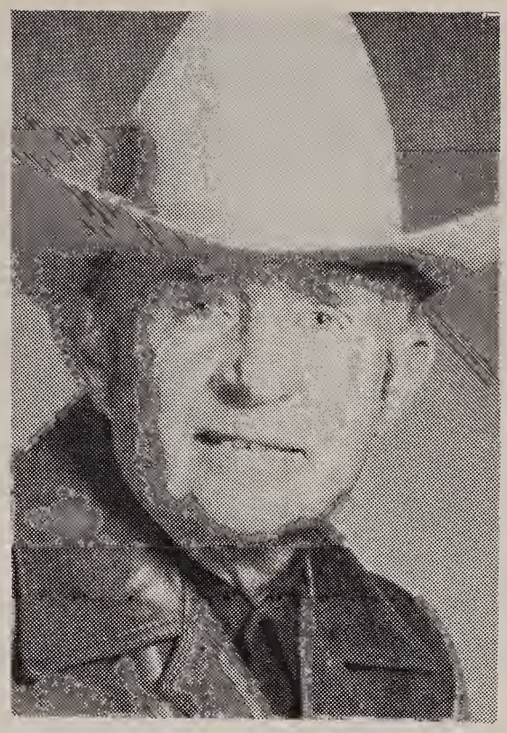
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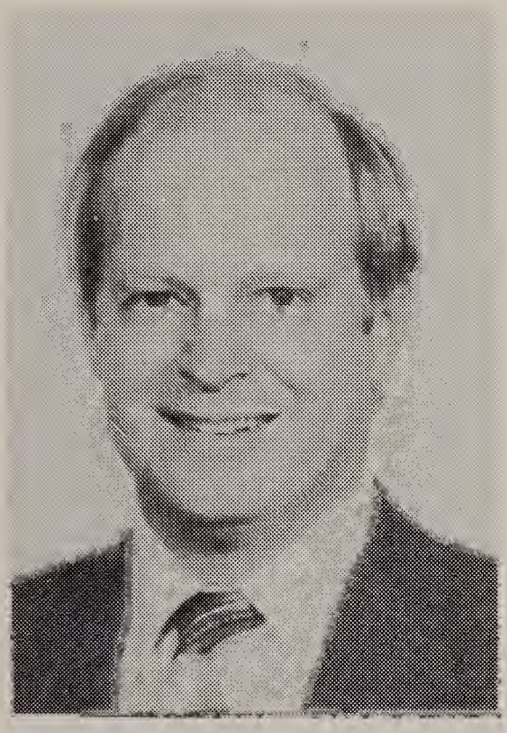
Robert E. Pipinich

Robert E. Pipinich - Missoula, District 33, Democrat. Born July 2, 1935, in Anaconda; attended Anaconda schools; four years electronic schooling; senior electronic technician; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in Senate since 1989; wife's name is Luella, they have four sons and two daughters.

Jack "Doc" Rea - Three Forks, District 38, Democrat. Born Jan. 9, 1933 in Midwest, Wyoming; came to Montana in 1962; graduate of Midwest, Wyoming, High School, Northwest Community College, Powell, Wyoming with AA degree, University of Wyoming with BS and Colorado State University with DVM; veterinarian; Three Forks School Board trustee, six years; State Board of Veterinary Examiners, five years; Madison River Dyke commissioner; U.S. Army veteran of Korean Conflict; served in Senate 1991; wife's name is Hester, they have two sons and a daughter.



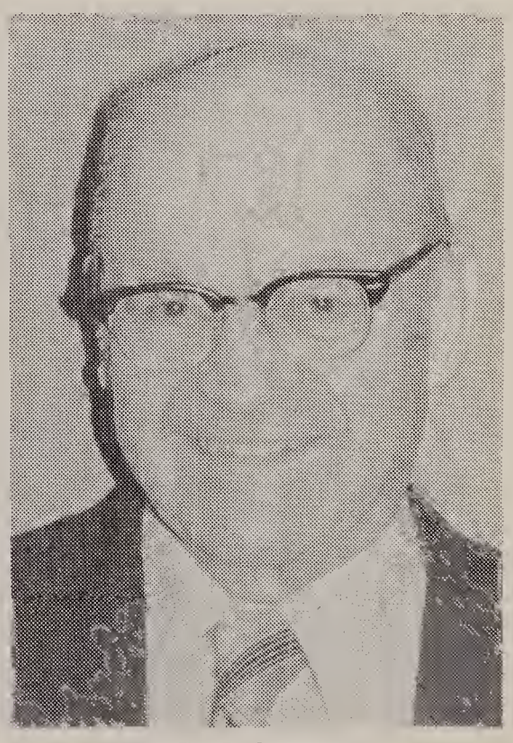
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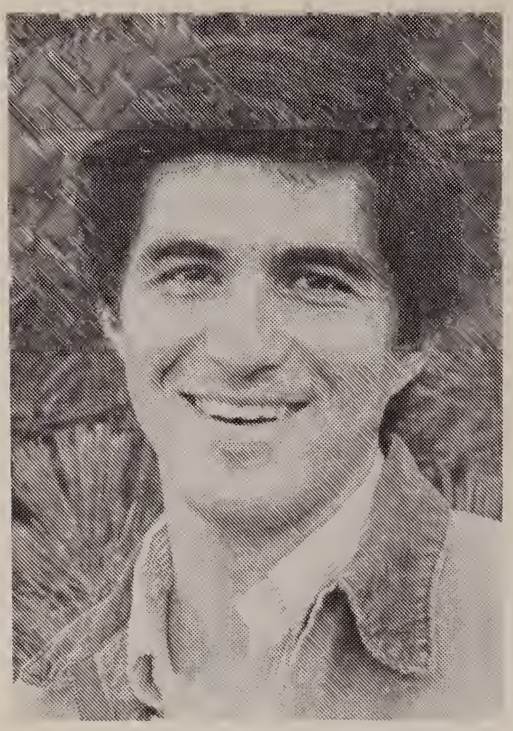
David Rye

David Rye - Billings, District 47, Republican. Born Oct. 4, 1943 in Norfolk, Virginia; came to Montana in 1952; graduate of Billings Senior High School, attended Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, BA in English from University of Montana; self-employed advertising consultant and former TV station news director and anchor; former Congressional aide, Washington, D.C.; past chairman, City of Billings Animal Control Board; served in U.S. Army, 1967-69 including 14 months in Vietnam, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal; served in Senate 1991; wife's name is Gay, they have one son.

Lawrence G. Stimatz - Butte, District 35, Democrat. Born May 25, 1919, in Walkerville; A.B. from Gonzaga University; lawyer; asst. U.S. Attorney 1961-65, County Attorney 1971-74, Deputy County Attorney 1957-60; Army Signal Corps World War II; served in House 1961-67-69, in Senate since 1979; wife's name is Peggy, they have nine daughters and two sons.



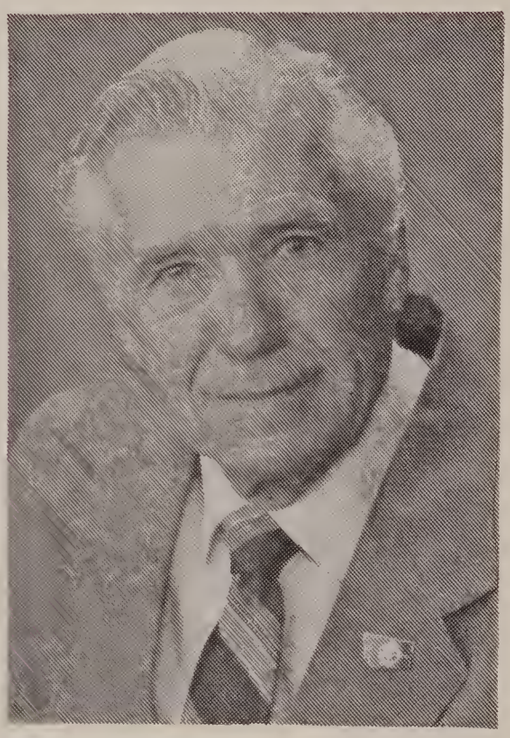
Lawrence G. Stimatz



Paul Svrcek

Paul Svrcek - Thompson Falls, District 26, Democrat. Born Oct. 12, 1955, in Hamilton, attended local schools; graduate of University of Montana; MBA student, consultant in international business; Democratic Precinct Committeeman 1974; served in House 1985-87, in Senate since 1989, Majority Whip in 1991.

Bernie Swift - Hamilton, District 32, Republican. Born April 7, 1922, in Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.; came to Montana in 1956; attended schools in Michigan, B.S. degree in forestry, Michigan State University; professional forester; retired after 27 years with U.S. Forest Service; member of Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force; W.W. II Air Force 1942-45; served in the House 1983-1990, in Senate 1991; wife's name is Betty, they have one son and one daughter.



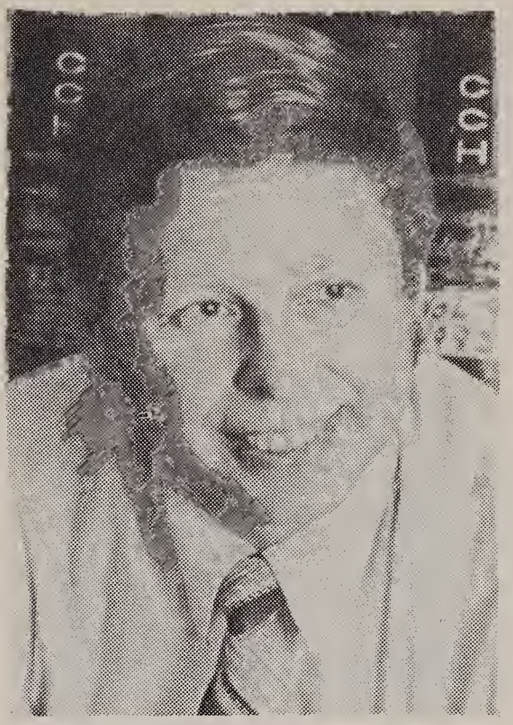
Bernie Swift



Gene Thayer

Gene Thayer - Great Falls, District 19, Republican. Born Sept. 4, 1932, in Belt; B.S. in Agriculture Economics from Montana State University; president, Montana Merchandising, Inc.; Mayor, City of Great Falls, 1980-82; Great Falls City Commissioner; past trustee Rocky Mountain College; veteran U.S. Air Force; served in Senate since 1985; vice chairman, Labor, 1987; wife's name is Jane, they have two sons and two daughters.

Thomas E. Towe - Billings, District 46, Democrat. Born June 25, 1937 in Cherokee, Iowa; graduate of Westtown, Pennsylvania, High School, Earlham College with a BA, University of Montana with LLB, and Georgetown University with LLM; also attended University of Paris and University of Michigan; Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, 1976; Clerk, Billings Monthly Meetings (Quakers); Captain, U.S. Army, 1962-65; served in House 1971-74, in Senate, 1975-87 and 1991; wife's name is Ruth, they have two sons. Montana resident since 1954.



Thomas E. Towe



Larry J. Tveit

Larry J. Tveit - Fairview, District 11, Republican. Born April 25, 1935, in Fairview; attended local schools; past officer and Exalted Ruler of Sidney Elks; director of Montana Grain Growers and director of 1st United Bank of Sidney; past director, vice president and president Montana School Board Assn.; presently director of North-East Montana Land and Mineral Owners Assn.; Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer Award 1961; farmer/rancher; served in Senate since 1981; wife's name is Doris, they have a family of five.

Eleanor L. Vaughn - Libby, District 1, Democrat. Born Nov. 12, 1922, in Idaho, came to Montana in 1950; graduate of Kinman Business University, Spokane, in bookkeeping and secretarial; retired; Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder for 17 years; served in Senate since 1987; husband's name is Ben, they have two sons and a daughter.



Eleanor L. Vaughn



Mignon Waterman

Mignon Waterman - Helena, District 22, Democrat. Born Oct. 13, 1944 in Billings; graduate of Billings West High School, attended University of Montana; homemaker, former lobbyist; Helena School Board trustee, 12 years; Montana School Boards Assn. president, 1990; implementation chairman for Project Excellence; community coordinator, Montana Teen Institute; board of directors, Helena Industries; member, Montana Hunger Coalition Steering Committee; served in Senate 1991; husband's name is Ron, they have two sons.

Cecil Weeding - Jordan, District 14, Democrat. Born Feb. 16, 1934, in Miles City; attended Jordan schools, B.S. in agricultural business from Montana State University; farmer/rancher; member of Board of Natural Resources 1973-85; served in House 1970 to 1972, in Senate since 1985; wife's name is Ada, they have four sons.

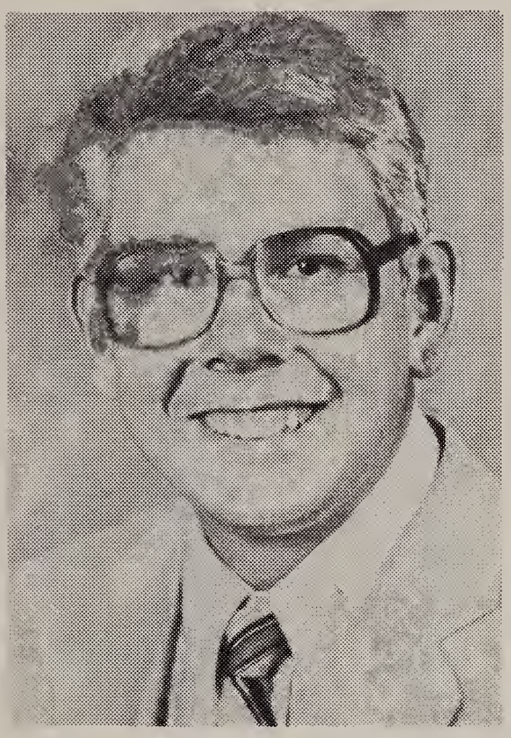


Cecil Weeding

Bob Williams - Hobson, District 15, Democrat. Born June 1, 1929, in Moore; attended local schools; retired Lineman and Line Superintendent; past City Councilman, Mayor and school board member; State Commander of American Legion; veteran U.S. Army 1951-53; served in Senate since 1985; wife's name is Kati, they have five children.



Bob Williams



William P. Yellowtail, Jr.

William P. Yellowtail, Jr. - Wyola, District 50, Democrat. Born Jan. 8, 1948, in Wyola; attended local schools; B.A. in Geography from Dartmouth College; rancher; member Montana Task Force on Excellence in Education, Montana Inter-Tribal Policy Board, Board of Trustees Wyola Elementary School, Montana Advisory Council on Vocational Education, Cultural and Aesthetics Projects Advisory Committee; served in Senate since 1985; wife's name is Margarette, they have one daughter.

The House

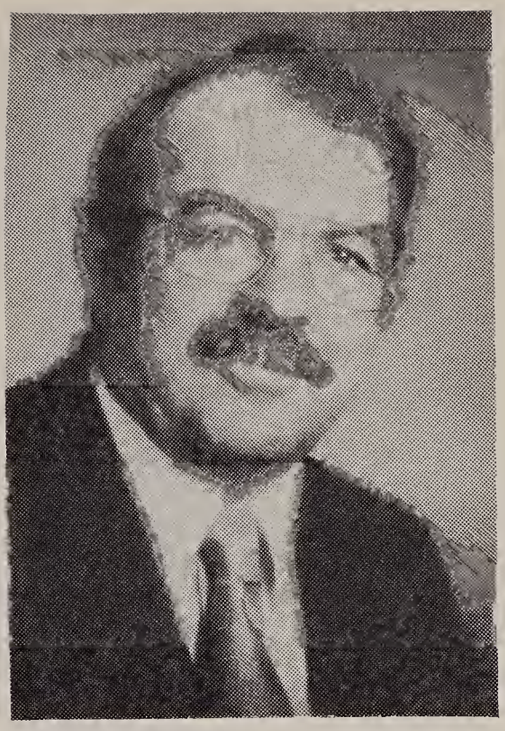
Fifty-second Assembly



Hal Harper
Speaker of the House

Hal Harper, Helena, District 44, Democrat. Born Nov. 3, 1948 in Nashville, Tennessee, and came to Montana in 1954. A graduate of Helena High School, he attended Rocky Mountain College and graduated from the University of Montana with a BA in philosophy. He is employed in residential construction. Serving in his tenth session, he was first elected to the House for the 1973-74 annual sessions, then returned in 1977. He was House Democratic Floor Leader in 1985 and House Majority Leader in 1989. Harper chaired the House Natural Resources Committee in 1983, served from 1983-89 on the Environmental Quality Council, was a member of the Administrative Code Committee from 1977-83, and is a member of the Water Policy Committee. His wife's name is Janet.

Jerry Driscoll - Billings, District 92, Democrat. Born Nov. 5, 1944, in Billings; attended Billings area schools including Billings West High School and Eastern Montana College; member, Laborers' Union, 20 years; president, Montana AFL-CIO since 1981; secretary-treasurer/business manager, Laborers' Local 98 in Billings; served in House since 1983; member, Governor's Study Committee on Workers' Compensation, 1985-87, member, Legislative Oversight Committee on Workers' Compensation, Majority Leader, 1991; wife's name is JoAnn, they have three sons and a daughter.



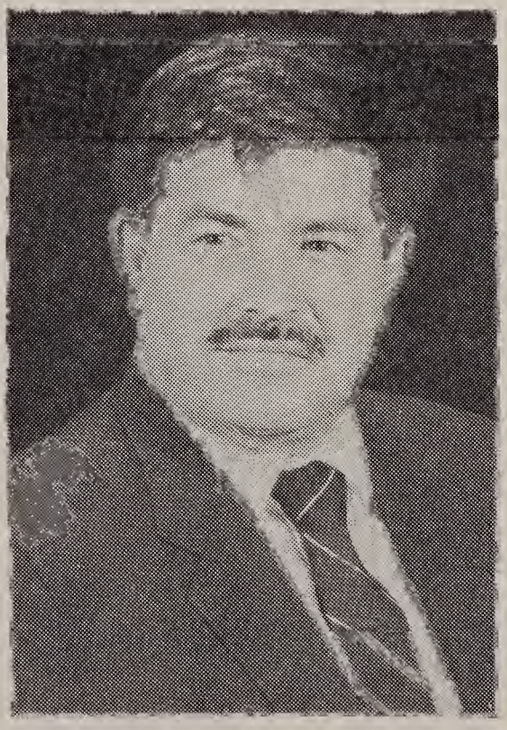
Jerry Driscoll
House Majority Leader



John A. Mercer - Polson, District 50, Republican. Born Jan. 21, 1957, in Missoula; graduated Polson High School; B.A. degree University of Montana, J.D. degree Northwestern University in Chicago; attorney; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Tina.

John A. Mercer
House Minority Leader

Dave Brown - Butte, District 72, Democrat. Born Nov. 20, 1948, in Pompey's Pillar; attended local schools; A.B. Princeton University, M.S. George Washington University; owner Brown and Co., energy consulting; served in House since 1981; Environmental Quality Council, 1981-89; wife's name is Marcia, they have one daughter and one son.



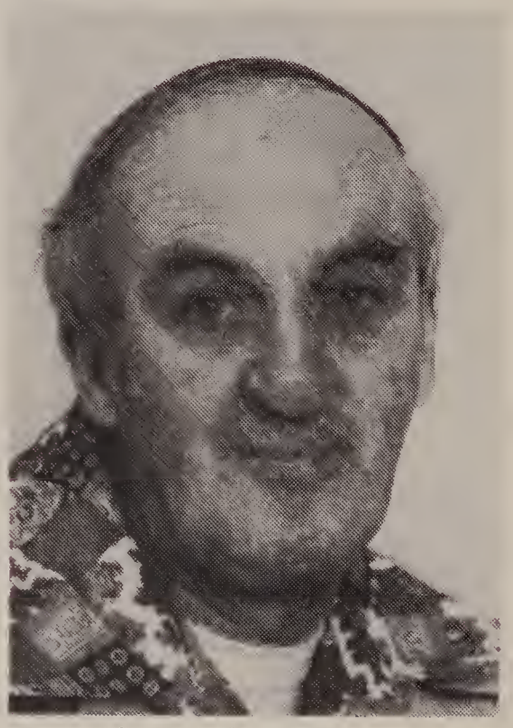
Dave Brown
Speaker Pro Tempore



Bob Bachini

Bob Bachini - Havre, District 14, Democrat. Born July 7, 1933, in Havre; attended Havre schools; conductor, Burlington Northern; served in House since 1983; chairman, House Agriculture Committee, 1989; wife's name is Shirley, they have one daughter.

Francis Bardanouve - Harlem, District 16, Democrat. Born Dec. 10, 1917, in Harlem; attended local schools; rancher/farmer; served in House since 1959; Legislative Council member 1965-66, secretary 1967-68, vice chairman 1969-70, chairman 1971-72, chairman Appropriations Committee 1965, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985 and 1989; Dean of the Legislature; wife's name is Venus, they have two daughters and one son.



Francis Bardanouve



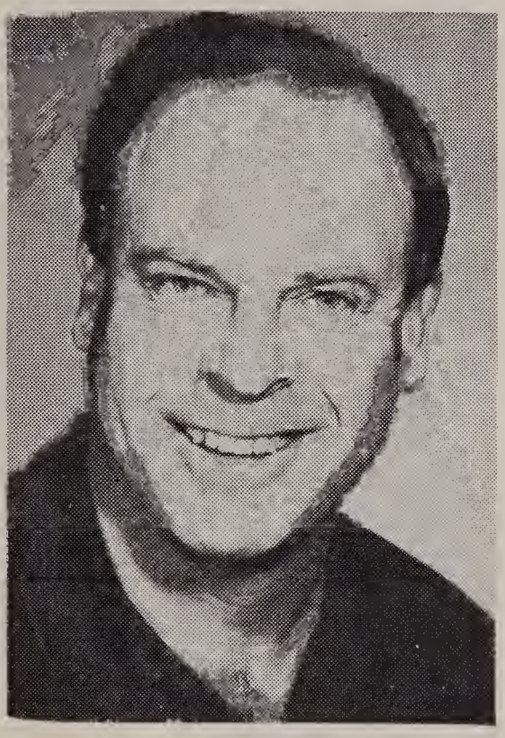
Joe Barnett

Joe Barnett - Belgrade, District 76, Republican. Born Aug. 4, 1929, in Manhattan; graduate of Manhattan High School and Montana State University with BS in health and physical education, masters in education; retired Bozeman Senior High American history teacher, beekeeper; U.S. Air Force 1953-56, retired as captain; served in House 1991; wife's name is Janelle, they have two sons and a daughter.

Beverly Barnhart - Bozeman, District 80, Democrat. Born Oct. 6, 1929 in Denver; came to Montana in 1974; attended Colorado State University and Montana State University, BA in English and fine arts, MA in adult education; executive director, career transition; served in House 1991; she has four daughters and one son.



Beverly Barnhart



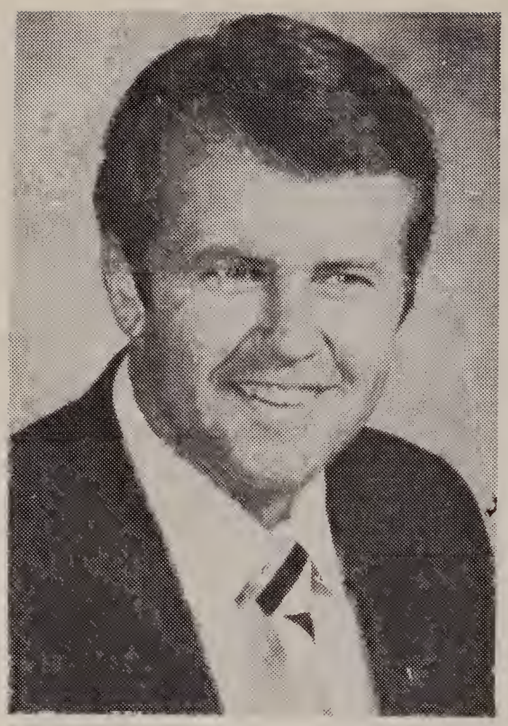
Gary Beck

Gary Beck - Deer Lodge, District 48, Democrat. Born Feb. 14, 1939 in Anaconda; graduate of Anaconda High School and the University of Montana; gas dispatcher; Deer Lodge School Board trustee for six years; served in U.S. Marine Corps for six years, member of Montana Army National Guard; served in House 1991; wife's name is Beverly, they have three children.

Arlene Becker - Billings, District 91, Democrat. Born Dec. 27, 1948 in Sterling, Illinois; came to Montana in 1981; graduate of Loyola University, Chicago, with BS and MS in nursing; registered nurse; board member of Billings Women's Slowpitch Softball Assn.; served in House 1991.



Arlene Becker



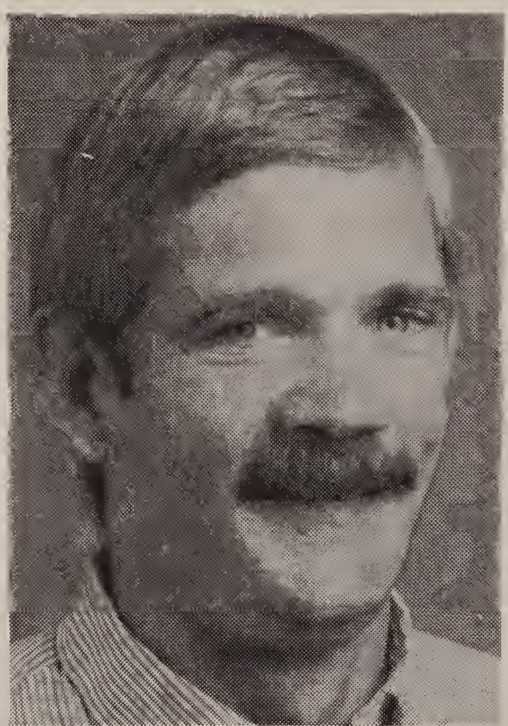
Steve Benedict

Steve Benedict - Hamilton, District 64, Republican. Born July 30, 1948 in Carmel, California; first came to Montana in 1950; graduate of Moscow, Idaho, High School and attended University of Idaho for three years; radio station owner; avid horseman and rodeo producer; served in House 1991; wife's name is Donna, they have two daughters and a son.

Ernest Bergsagel - Malta, District 17, Republican. Born March 10, 1955 in Malta; graduate of Malta High School, attended business college; farmer; director of Big Flat Electric Coop for nine years, eight as secretary-treasurer; served in House 1991; single.



Ernest Bergsagel



William E. Boharski

William E. Boharski - Kalispell, District 4, Republican. Born Sept. 8, 1961, in Chicago; moved to Montana in 1966. Honors graduate of Flathead High School; BS in mechanical engineering from Montana State University; mechanical engineer; served in House since 1989; unmarried.

Dorothy Bradley - Bozeman, District 79, Democrat. Born Feb. 14, 1947, in Madison, Wis., moved to Bozeman in 1950; attended Bozeman schools; attended Colorado College with major in anthropology, law degree from American University in Washington, D.C., 1983; law clerk and hearing master for District Court; served in House from 1971 to 1978 and since 1985.



Dorothy Bradley



Vivian M. Brooke

Vivian M. Brooke - Missoula, District 56, Democrat. Born Feb. 6, 1943, in New York City; spent summers in Montana before moving to Montana in 1962. Graduate of Clearwater, Florida, High School; attended University of South Florida and Carroll College, BA in sociology; active in civic groups; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Joseph, they have three daughters and a son.

Jan Brown - Helena, District 46, Democrat. Born March 16, 1942, in Roundup; graduate of Helena High School; attended Montana State University and graduated from Carroll College with BA in sociology/social work with minor in political science; co-owner Jorud Photo & Gift Shop; active in many civic organizations; served in House since 1983; husband's name is Bill, they have two sons and two daughters.



Jan Brown



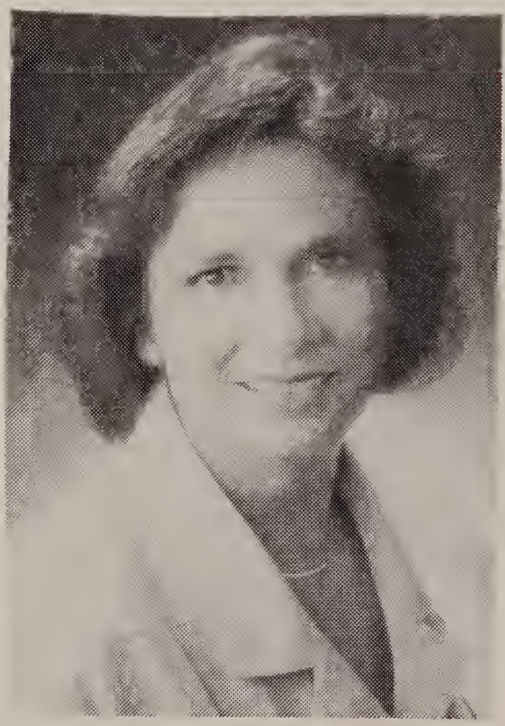
Robert C. Clark - Ryegate, District 31, Republican. Born Jan. 15, 1942, in Anaconda; graduate of Anaconda High School; Montana Highway Patrolman; served nine years as member of Ryegate School Board of Trustees; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Nancy, they have two daughters.

Robert C. Clark

John Cobb - Augusta, District 42, Republican. Born Jan. 22, 1954, in Montana; attended High School in Faribault, Minn.; BA in economics and BA in public administration from Montana State University; Law Degree from School of Law, University of Montana; lawyer/rancher; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Cheryl.



John Cobb



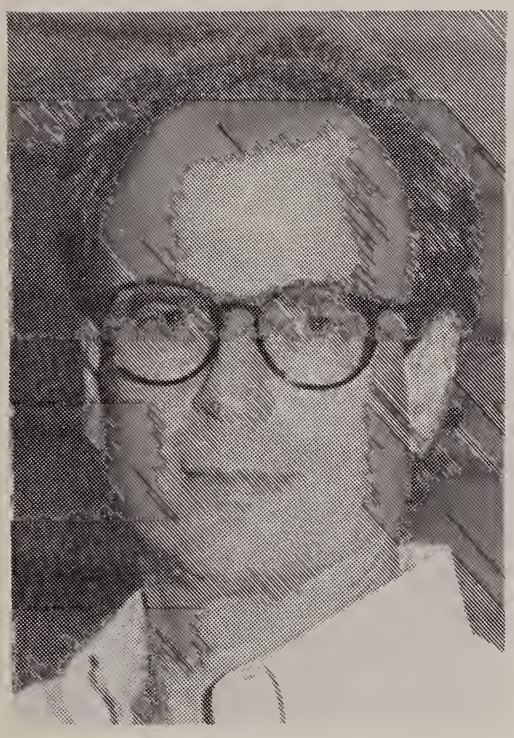
Vicki Cocchiarella - Missoula, District 59, Democrat. Born Dec. 19, 1949, in Livingston; graduate of Missoula Hellgate High School, BA and MA in interpersonal communications from University of Montana; administrative clerk; member of MPEA board and president of MPEA bargaining unit at the University of Montana; Board of Child and Family and Resource Council; Interim Committee on State Employee Compensation; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Larry, they have two children.

Vicki Cocchiarella

Dorothy Cody - Wolf Point, District 20, Democrat. Born Nov. 22, 1935, in Springfield, Illinois; came to Montana in 1954; owner real estate business; served in House since 1985; widow; she has seven sons and three daughters.



Dorothy Cody



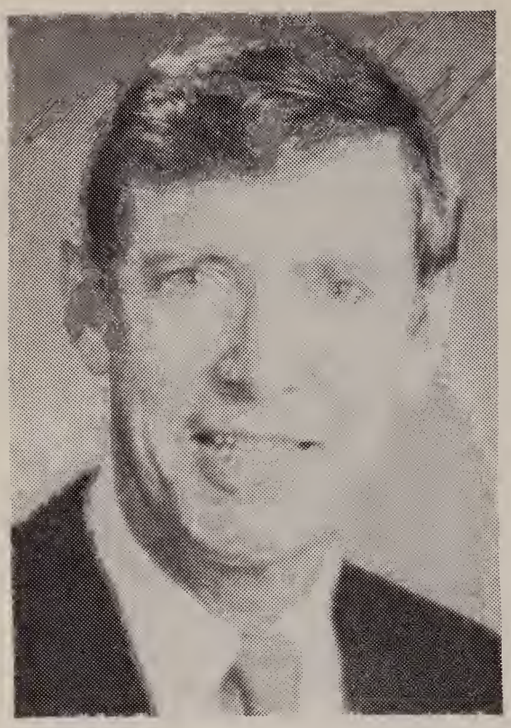
Ben Cohen

Ben Cohen - Whitefish, District 3, Democrat. Born Oct. 13, 1942, in Philadelphia, moved to Montana in 1971. BA in math from Penn State and MEd in educational psychology from Temple University; post graduate studies at Columbia University, MIT and the University of Montana; owner of North Valley Refuse, a Flathead County solid waste contractor; served in U.S. Peace Corps in Nigeria 1964-66; Democratic Committeeman since 1980; served in House since 1985, wife's name is Connie, they have a son and a daughter.

Mary Ellen Connelly - Whitefish Stage, District 8, Democrat. Born Nov. 17, 1933, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho; grew up in Canyon; attended local schools and Portland University; marketing executive; chairman, legal studies subcommittee of the Montana Energy Advisory Council; regional delegate Governors Conference on Libraries and Information Services; Montana-Canadian Boundary Council, Montana Council on Chemical Dependency; delegate National Water Conference; co-chairman Regional Conference on Prisons and Prison Reform; served in the House since 1983; husband's name is James, they have two sons and one daughter.



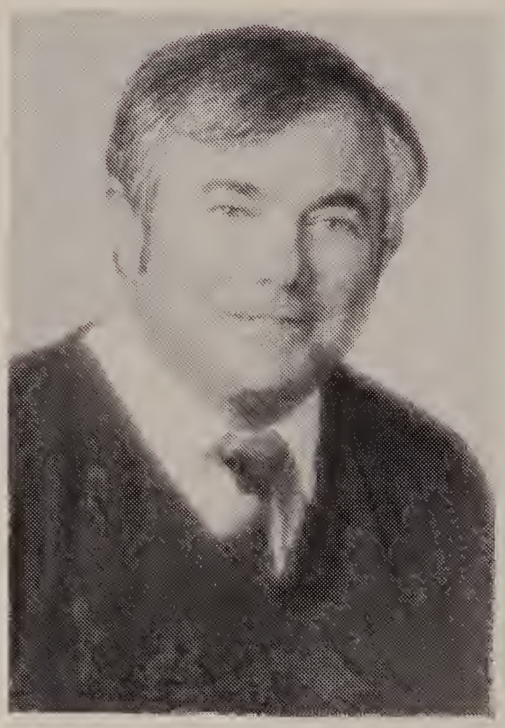
Mary Ellen Connelly



Brent Cromley

Brent Cromley - Billings, District 94, Democrat. Born June 12, 1941 in Great Falls; graduate of Great Falls High School, Dartmouth College with AB in mathematics, University of Montana with JD; attorney; past chairman, Montana Board of Personnel Appeals; chairman, Yellowstone City-County Board of Health; member, Yellowstone County Solid Waste Disposal Board; served in American Peace Corps in India, 1963-65; served in House 1991; wife's name is Dorothea, they have two sons and a daughter.

Fred "Fritz" Daily - Butte, District 69, Democrat. Born Oct. 31, 1945, in Butte; attended Butte schools, BS and MS from Western Montana College; high school teacher; served in House 1979 to 1984 and since 1987; chairman, House Education and Cultural Resources, 1983; wife's name is Connie, they have one son and two daughters.



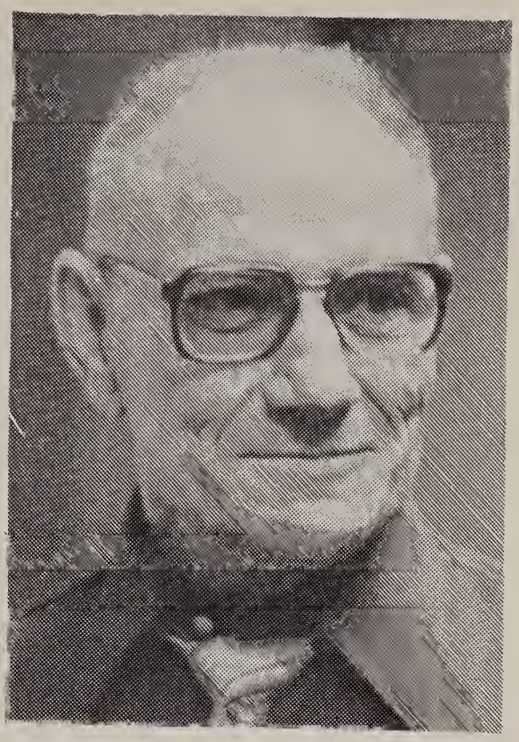
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Paula A. Darko

Paula A. Darko - Libby, District 2, Democrat. Born July 9, 1952, in Great Falls; graduate Cascade High School, BS University of Montana, graduate work University of Montana and Northern Montana College; teacher; member Kootenai Valley Democratic Women's Club and Montana Education Association; served in House since 1983; Majority Whip in 1991; unmarried.

Ervin Davis - Charlo, District 53, Democrat. Born May 3, 1926, in Jenks, Oklahoma; moved to Montana in 1933; graduate of Cut Bank High School, BA from Colorado State College and MEd from University of Montana; retired educator; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Irene, they have three children.



Ervin Davis



Jane DeBruckyer

Jane DeBruckyer - Dutton, District 11, Democrat. Born Oct. 24, 1936 in Gonvick, Minnesota; came to Montana in 1951; graduate of Dutton High School; farming/ranching partner; Teton County WIFE president; served in House 1991; husband's name is Lloyd, they have five daughters and two sons.

Roger DeBruycker - Floweree, District 13, Republican. Born June 29, 1936, in Great Falls; graduate of Dutton High School; farmer; three years on Fort Benton High School Board of Trustees and three years on Chouteau County ASCS Committee; former Chouteau County Republican Central Committee chairman; served in Montana Air National Guard; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Myrl, they have two sons.



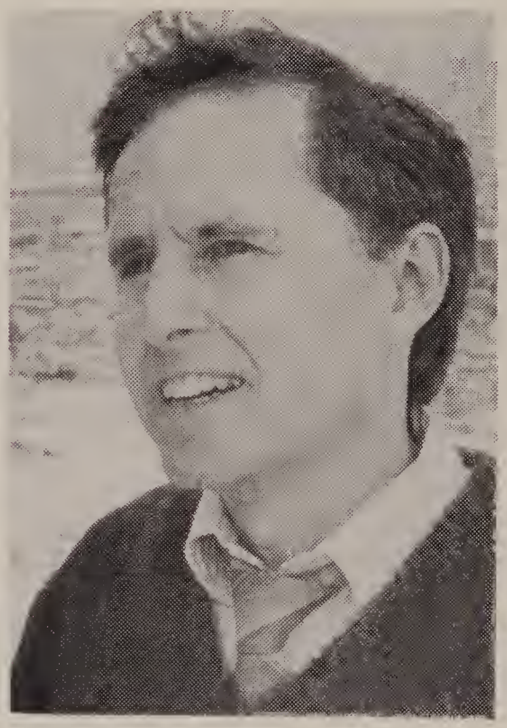
Roger DeBruycker



Ed Dolezal

Ed Dolezal - Great Falls, District 34, Democrat. Born May 25, 1941 in Columbus, Ohio; came to Montana in 1973; graduate of Chapman College with masters in education; middle school math teacher; retired major in Montana Air National Guard; served in House 1991; wife's name is Carolyn.

Tim Dowell - Kalispell, District 5, Democrat. Born Aug. 9, 1947 in Illinois; came to Montana in 1970; graduate of Western Illinois University with a BS in biology and general science; participated in White House Conference on Small Business, 1986; served in House 1991; wife's name is Bonnie, they have a daughter and a son.



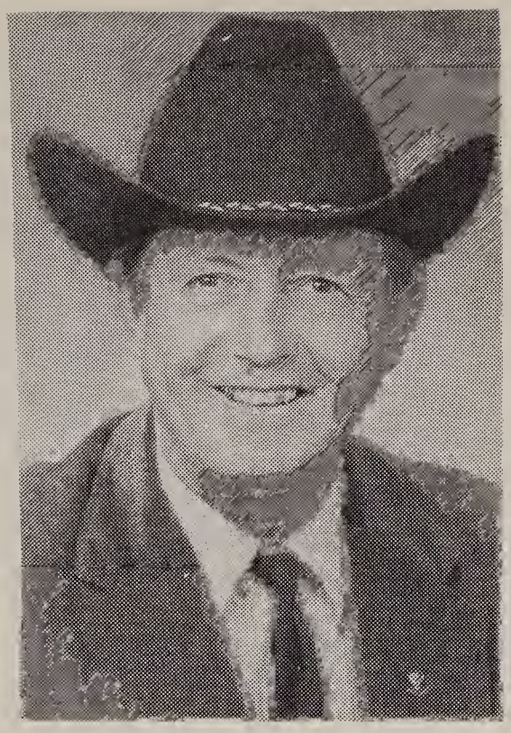
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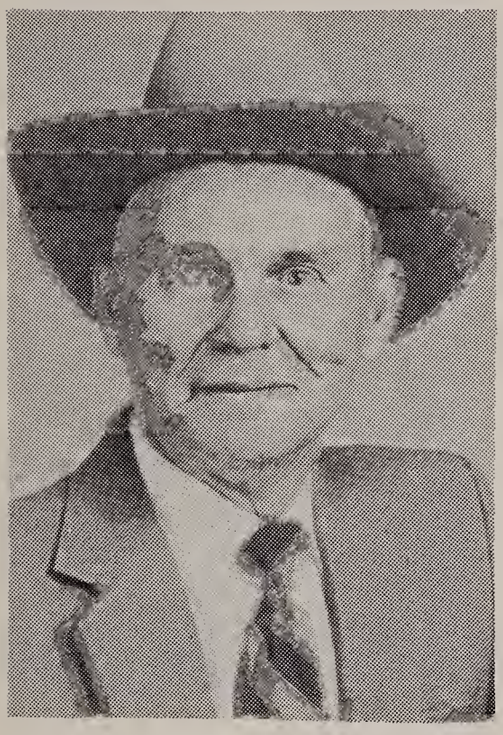
Jim Elliott

Jim Elliott - Trout Creek, District 51, Democrat. Born Dec. 26, 1942, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 1974; attended University of Pennsylvania and San Francisco State University; BA and post graduate work in behavior physiology; rancher; has served as supervisor, Green Mountain Conservation District; served in House since 1989, wife's name is Leslie, they have a son and a daughter.

Alvin Ellis - Red Lodge, District 84, Republican. Born July 11, 1936 in Red Lodge; BS in animal sciences; rancher; school board trustee; served six months active duty and eight years reserves in U.S. armed forces, second lieutenant; served in House 1991; wife's name is Maureen, they have a daughter and three sons.



Alvin Ellis



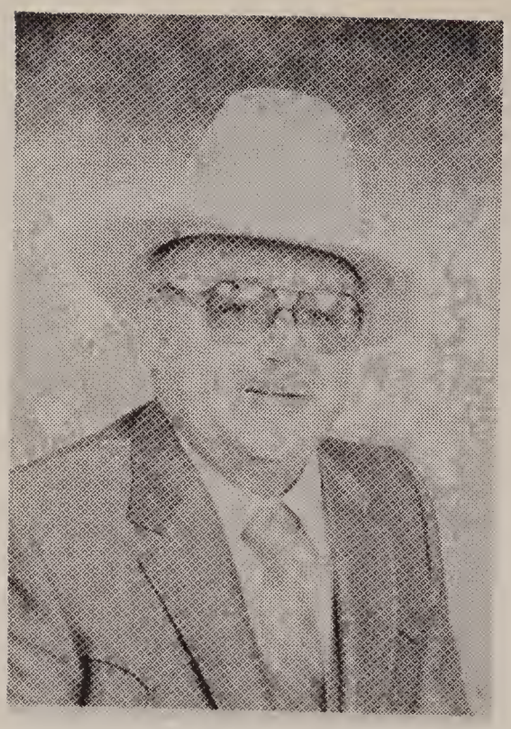
Orval S. Ellison

Orval S. Ellison - McLeod, District 81, Republican. Born July 6, 1921 in Forsyth; graduate of Airplane Mechanics School, St. Louis, and Voagricultural School; rancher; clerk and trustee, Rosedale School District; member, project review committee of South Central Regional Health Planning Council; past director, Park County Legislative Association; Air Force veteran, World War II; served in House since 1975; chairman, Fish and Game Committee, 1987; recipient, "Guardian of Small Business Award" from Montana Chapter of National Federation of Independent Business, 1988; Dean of House Republicans; wife's name is Emma, they have one daughter.

Russell Fagg - Billings, District 89, Republican. Born June 26, 1960 in Billings; graduate of Billings Senior High School, Whitman College with a BA in economics, and University of Montana with JD; city prosecutor; served in House 1991; single.



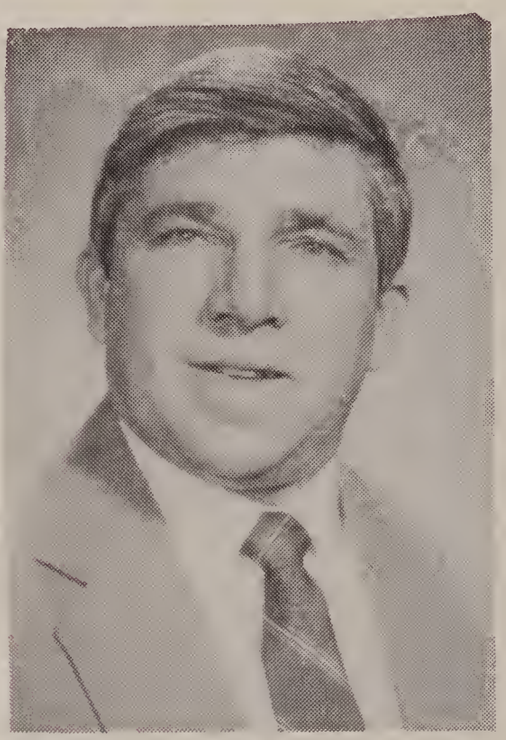
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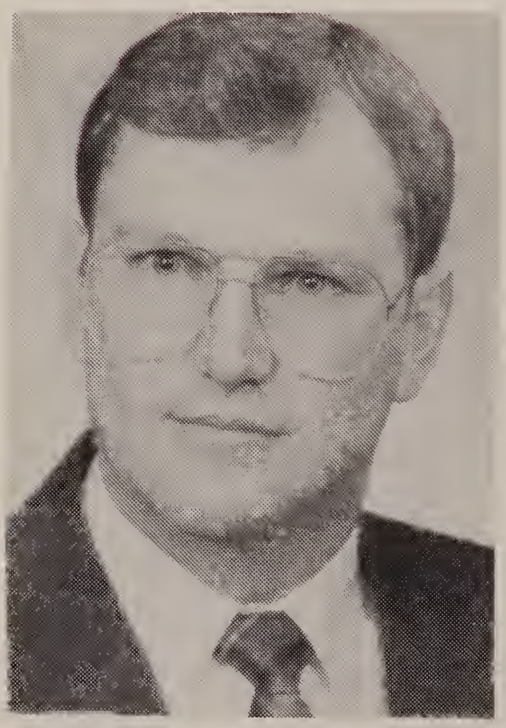
Gary Feland - Shelby, District 12, Republican. Born Dec. 8, 1939 in Westhope, North Dakota; came to Montana in 1958; oil producer; served in House 1991; wife's name is Judy, they have four sons and two daughters.

Gary Feland

Gary Forrester - Billings, District 98, Democrat. Born June 24, 1946 in Billings; graduate of Billings Senior High School; drywall contractor; Lockwood School Board trustee, 12 years; Montana School Boards Association board, two years; Lockwood Water Users board, two years; served in House 1991; wife's name is Jeanne, they have two daughters.



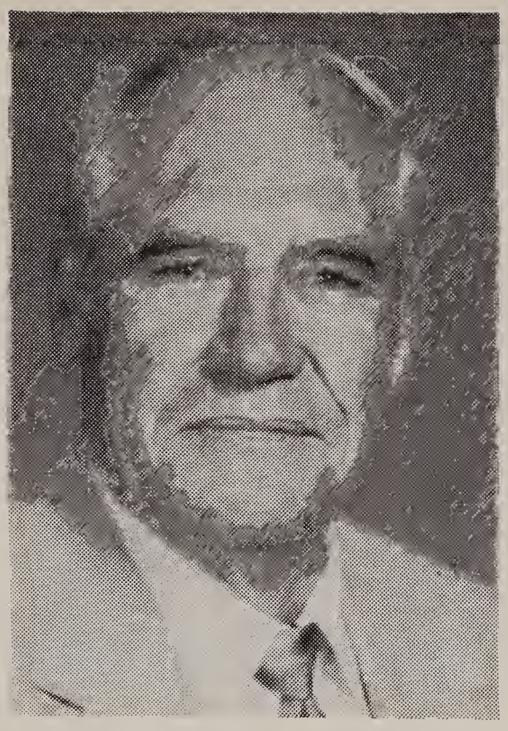
Gary Forrester



Mike Foster - Townsend, District 32, Republican. Born March 5, 1955 in Townsend; graduate of Broadwater County High School, Western Montana College with a BS in secondary education, Carroll College with a BA in business administration, graduate work at University of Montana in public administration; utility rate analyst for Montana Public Service Commission; vice chairman, Townsend Hospital Board of Directors; served in House 1991; wife's name is Mary, they have a son and a daughter.

Mike Foster

Patrick Galvin - Great Falls, District 40, Democrat. Born July 1, 1926 in Great Falls; graduate of Butte High School, attended College of Great Falls for two years; retired railroad engineer; served as a union officer for 22 years; served in U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II, combat veteran; served in House 1991; wife's name is Marie, they have three daughters and a son.



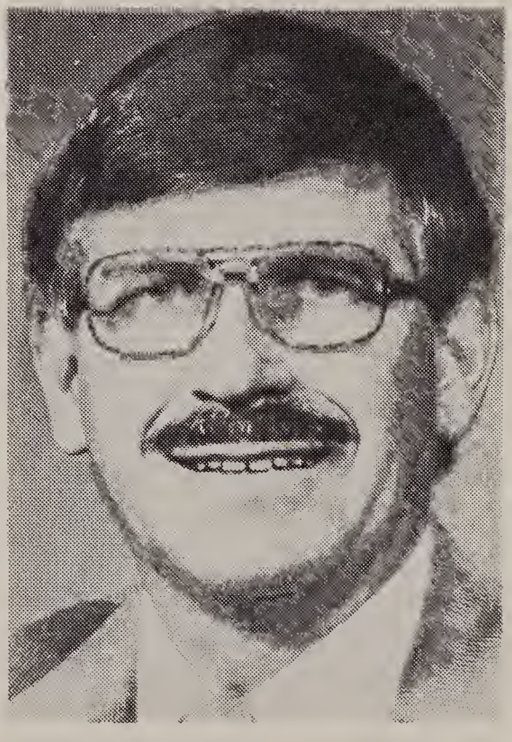
Patrick Galvin



Floyd (Bob) Gervais

Floyd (Bob) Gervais - Browning, District 9, Democrat. Born June 9, 1931, in Browning; attended Browning schools; retired from Bureau of Indian Affairs; has served on the Browning School Board of Trustees, Browning City Council and Blackfeet Tribal Council; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Laura, they have four sons and three daughters.

Bob Gilbert - Sidney, District 22, Republican. Born May 9, 1939, in Roundup; attended local schools; owner/manager Paraffin Service, Inc. Oilfield Trucking; chairman Richland County Planning Board and Sidney City-County Planning Board; director Montana Motor Carriers Assn. and Montana Bank of Sidney; member Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee; eight years U.S. Army Reserve; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Dee, they have a family of three.



Bob Gilbert



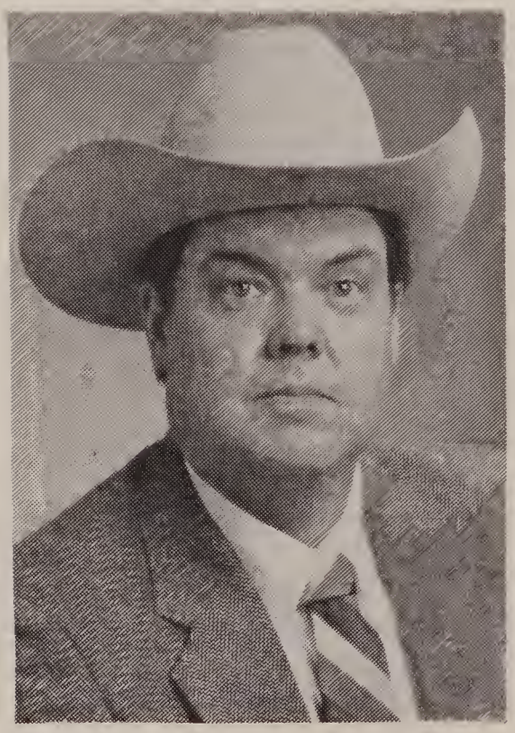
R. Budd Gould

R. Budd Gould - Missoula, District 61, Republican. Born May 10, 1937, in Pasadena, Calif.; came to Montana in 1955; attended University of Montana; disabled; member, National Council on Health Professionals Education, state Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council on the Handicapped, state Advisory Council; 1977 Man of the Year, Montana Association for the Blind; 1981 Governor's Award for Independent Living; served in House 1975 to 1981 and since 1985; he has one daughter.

Edward J. Grady - Canyon Creek, District 47, Republican. Born Aug. 23, 1933, in Helena and attended Helena schools; rancher; member, School Board for 20 years; Sportsman Award from Fish and Game; veteran U.S. Army; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Eileen, they have a family of three.



Edward J. Grady



Larry Grinde

Larry Grinde - Lewistown, District 30, Republican. Born June 25, 1948, in Lewistown; attended Fergus County schools, Montana State University and University of Wyoming; rancher; has served as chairman, Fergus County Republican Central Committee; served in House since 1987; Minority Whip in 1991; wife's name is Laura, they have two children.

Stella Jean Hansen - Missoula, District 57, Democrat. Born June 11, 1925, in Deer Lodge; attended Deer Lodge schools; businesswoman; resident of Missoula since 1953; Missoula County Democratic Central Committee Chaiman 5 years; Precinct Committewoman; served in House since 1983; husband's name is Douglas, they have a family of six.



Stella Jean Hansen



Marian W. Hanson

Marian W. Hanson - Ashland, District 100, Republican. Born Jan. 17, 1933, in Santa Maria, Calif.; came to Montana in 1951; ranching; county member Local Government Study Commission; served in House since 1983; husband's name is Darrel, they have two sons and two daughters.

Sonny Hanson - Billings, District 87, Republican. Born June 18, 1926 in Great Falls; graduate of Montana State University with a BS in electrical engineering; consulting engineer; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House 1991; wife's name is Joyce, they have twin sons and a daughter.



Sonny Hanson



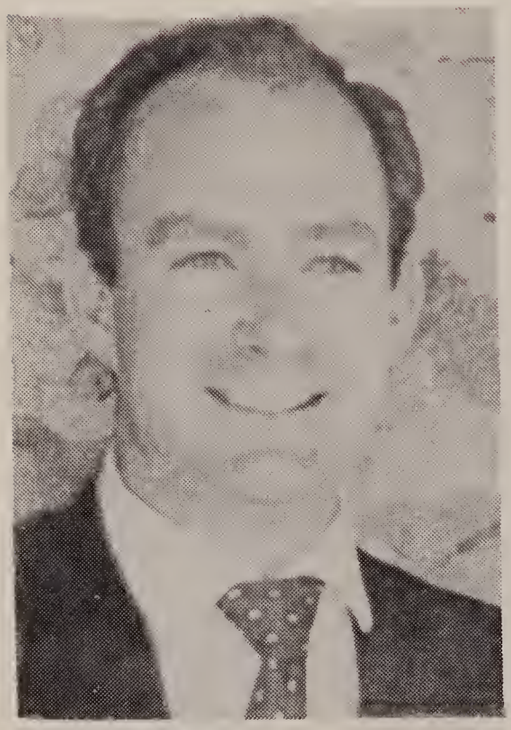
Dan W. Harrington

Dan W. Harrington - Butte, District 68, Democrat. Born Feb. 12, 1938 in Butte; attended Montana Tech, graduate Western Montana College; teacher; delegate Constitutional Convention; Democratic County Chairman 1971-present; served in House since 1977; House Majority Whip 1983; wife's name is Pat, they have two sons and one daughter.

Harriet Hayne - Dupuyer, District 10, Republican. Born Sept. 11, 1922, in Puget Sound, WA.; came to Montana in 1953; attended schools in Cathlament, WA.; attended Healds College, San Francisco and Washington State University; rancher/homemaker; served in House 1979 and since 1985; Women's Reserve U.S. Marine Corps World War II; husband's name is Jack, they have one son and three daughters.



Harriet Hayne



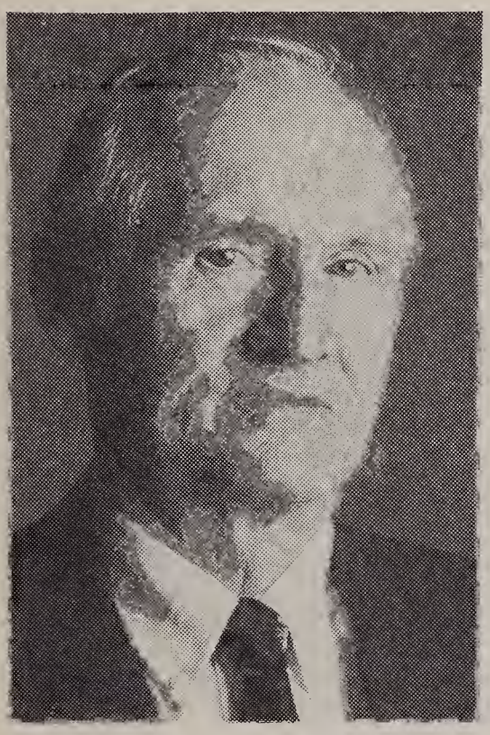
David Hoffman

David Hoffman - Sheridan, District 74, Republican. Born Oct. 12, 1957 in Butte; graduate of Sheridan High School and University of Montana with BA in history and political science, JD; attorney, Deputy Madison County Attorney; served in House 1991.

John Johnson - Glendive, District 23, Democrat. Born Dec. 20, 1922 in Fargo, North Dakota; moved to Montana in 1953; graduate of Halstad, Minnesota, High School; BS and BA from Moorehead State, MA from University of Wyoming; retired high school principal; has served as chairman of the Glendive City Government Study Commission and chairman of Outstanding Montanans Committee; served in the House since 1989; wife's name is Donna, they have two sons and two daughters.



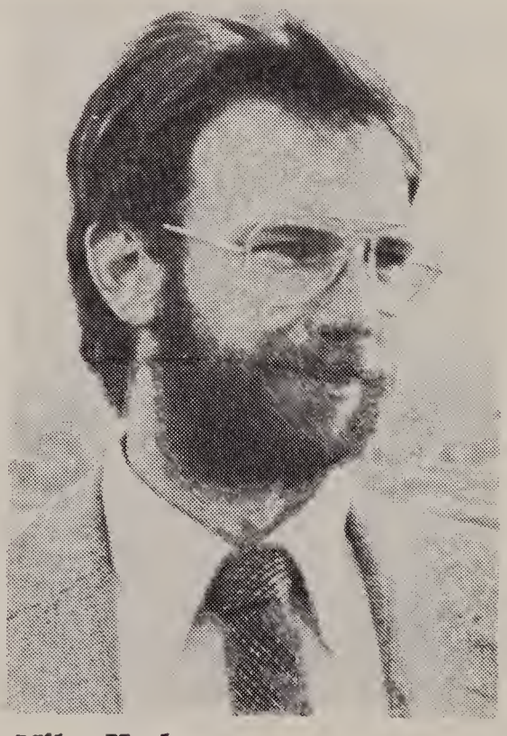
John Johnson



Royal Johnson

Royal Johnson - Billings, District 88, Republican. Born May 2, 1925 in Hettinger, North Dakota; came to Montana in 1931; graduate of Butte High School and University of Montana with a BA in business; attended Billings Vo-Tech Center, graduate work at Wharton School of Finance, Philadelphia, and Northwestern University, Chicago; investment management; served on Billings City Council 1977-81, on Montana Board of Medical Examiners, 1989-90 and Billings Library Board and Foundation, 1982-present; served in U.S. Army Air Force during World War II; served in House 1991; wife's name is Norma, they have two daughters and three sons.

Mike Kadas - Missoula, District 55, Democrat. Born Nov. 20, 1956 in Roseburg, OR.; came to Montana in 1979; attended schools in Oregon; attended Lewis & Clark College, Portland and University of Montana; carpenter/part-time student; served in House since 1983; unmarried.



Mike Kadas



Betty Lou Kasten

Betty Lou Kasten - Brockway, District 28, Republican. Born April 6, 1938, in Sharon, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 1963; graduate of Brookfield High School, Ohio; BA in botany graduating Phi Beta Kappa from University of Denver, MS in ecology from University of Denver; Kellogg Fellow at Montana State University; rancher/farmer; has served as member of Mid-River Telephone Board of Trustees and Montana Health Systems Agency, Eastern Sub-area Council; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Dave, they have a daughter and a son.

Vernon Keller - Fishtail, District 83, Republican. Born March 28, 1926 in Bozeman; graduate Montana State University in Animal Industry; rancher; six-year term Montana Board of Livestock; past president Montana Woolgrowers; named Mr. Agriculture of Montana 1975; received Conservationist of the Year Award 1980; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Averill, they have one son and one daughter.



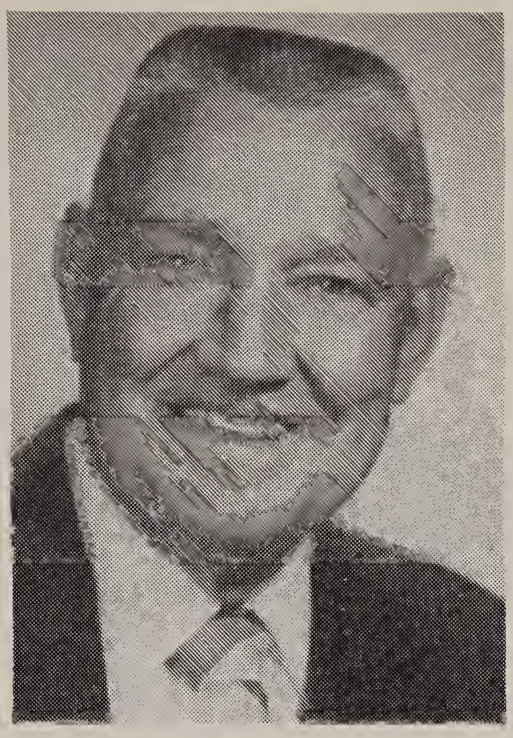
Vernon Keller



Thomas E. (Tom) Kilpatrick

Thomas E. (Tom) Kilpatrick - Laurel, District 85, Democrat. Born Oct. 2, 1931 in Laurel; graduate Laurel High School, BA from University of Montana; retired educator and owner/manager of Laurel Movie Haus; has served eight years on Laurel City Council; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Donna, they have two daughters.

Berv Kimberley - Billings, District 90, Democrat. Born Jan. 13, 1929 in Watertown, South Dakota; moved to Montana in 1939; graduate of Laurel High School, BS from Rocky Mountain College and MEd from University of Montana; teacher/coach at Billings West; Montana Assistant Coach of the Year, 1986; veteran of Korean Conflict; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Virginia, they have a foster son.



Berv Kimberley



Dick Knox

Dick Knox - Winifred, District 29, Republican. Born Aug. 18, 1936 in Denton; graduate of Flathead High School, attended Flathead Valley Community College; rancher; Flathead Valley Community College Trustee; Missouri Breaks Multiple Use Assn., president; chairman, Board of Grange Mutual Insurance Company, Nampa, Idaho; served in House 1991; wife's name is Doris, they have two daughters and four sons.

Don Larson - Seeley Lake, District 65, Democrat. Born Oct. 7, 1946 in Thompson Falls; graduate of Thompson Falls High School, University of Montana with BA in journalism and political science, University of Florida with an MA in international economics; self-employed; member of Missoula County Planning Board, Seeley Lake Garbage, Water and Park boards; served in U.S. Navy 1967-71; served in House 1991; single.



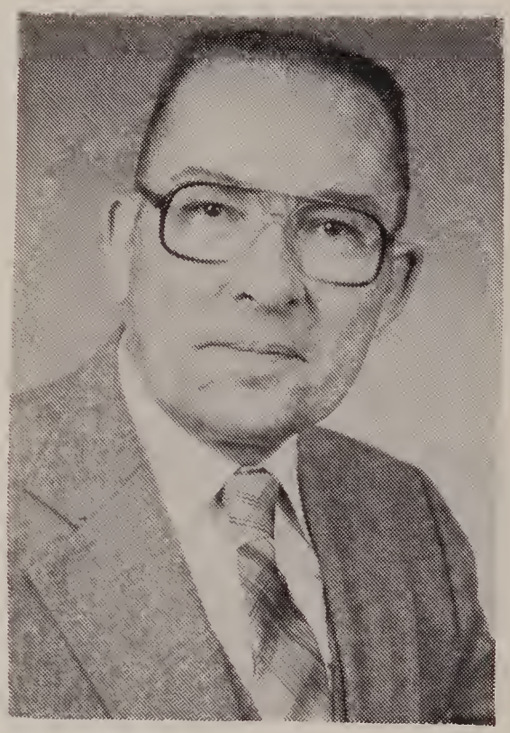
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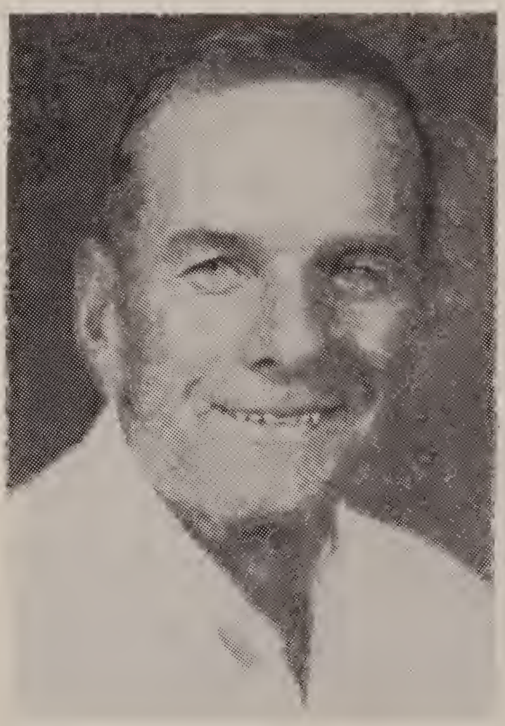
Thomas J. Lee

Thomas J. Lee - Bigfork, District 49, Republican. Born May 5, 1943 in Hanford, California; grew up in Minnesota and moved to Montana in 1985. Graduate of Fergus Falls High School, Minnesota, BA in political science from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa; two years post-graduate in theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois; foreman for Frontier Furniture; Montana National Guard; former U.S. Special Agent, DEA, in Chicago and former flight instructor and charter pilot; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Colleen, they have four sons and two daughters.

James Madison - Jefferson City, District 75, Democrat. Born Jan. 10, 1933 in Helena; graduate of Jefferson County High School and University of Montana with BS and MS degrees in accounting; independent third party administrator for deferred compensation plans; Democratic state committeeman; served in U.S. Army Reserve since 1955; currently director of a national security management seminar; state secretary-treasurer of Reserve Officers Assn.; served in House 1991.



James Madison



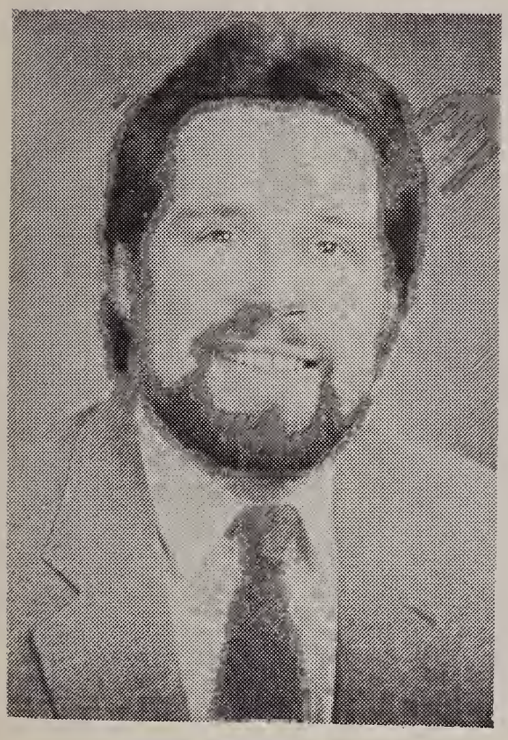
Edward McCaffree

Edward McCaffree - Forsyth, District 27, Democrat. Born June 21, 1931 in Roundup; rancher/county commissioner; Rosebud County Commissioner, 18 years; Montana Association of Counties past president, executive board member; National Association of Counties taxation and finance committee; served in House 1991; wife's name is Nancy, they have four children and five stepchildren.

Bea McCarthy - Anaconda, District 66, Democrat. Born April 17, 1935 in Great Falls; graduate of Montana State University with BS in elementary education; elementary teacher; member, Board of Regents, 1983-1990; active in community organizations; served in House 1991; husband's name is Edward, they have two daughters and three sons.



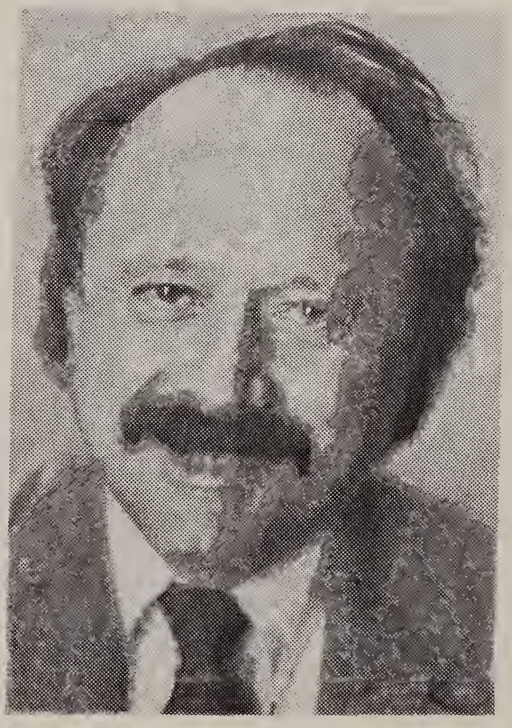
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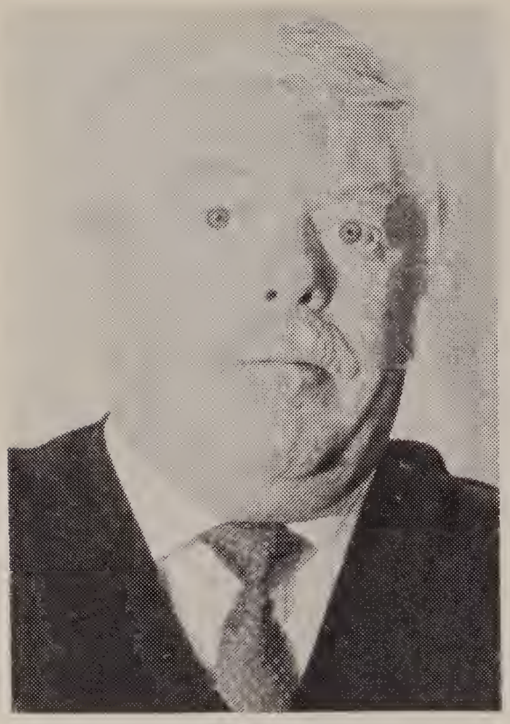
Scott McCullough

Scott McCullough - Billings, District 96, Democrat. Born Dec. 6, 1958 in St. Paul, Minnesota; came to Montana in 1983; graduate of Alexander Ramsey High School, St. Paul, and University of Minnesota, Duluth, with bachelor of applied science in elementary education and minor in psychology; sixth grade teacher; Billings Education Assn. vice president; served in House 1991; wife's name is Melanie.

Bruce Measure - Kalispell, District 6, Democrat. Born Aug. 14, 1951 in Kalispell; graduate of Flathead High School, Flathead Valley Community College with an AA degree, University of Montana with a BA and JD; attorney and former forester; director of Flathead Food Bank, Rails-to-Trails and Montana Mental Health; U.S. Army 1971-73, military police; served in House 1991; wife's name is Linda, they have a son and a daughter.



Bruce Measure



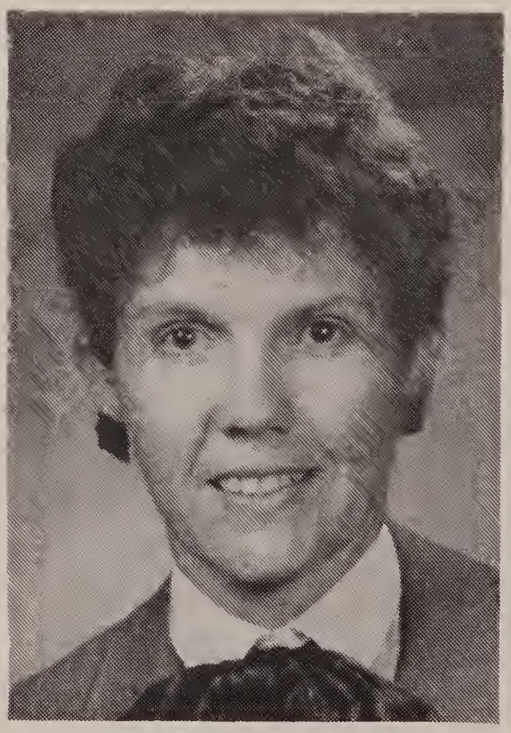
William (Red) Menahan - Anaconda, District 67, Democrat. Born Aug. 16, 1935 in Anaconda; Carroll College graduate, M.E. from Western Montana College; teacher; served in House since 1971; wife's name is Shirley, they have two sons and one daughter.

William (Red) Menahan



Charlotte K. Messmore - Great Falls, District 38, Republican. Born July 6, 1948 in Hazen, North Dakota; came to Montana in 1972; diploma from Trinity Hospital School of Nursing, Minot, and BS in nursing from Montana State University; registered nurse and director of nursing administration; past president and current board member, Cascade County Mental Health Assn.; board member, State Mental Health Association of Montana; board member, Great Falls Pre-Release/Transition Center; board member, Great Falls Rescue Mission; member, Montana Nurses Assn.; served in House 1991; husband's name is Ken, they have a daughter.

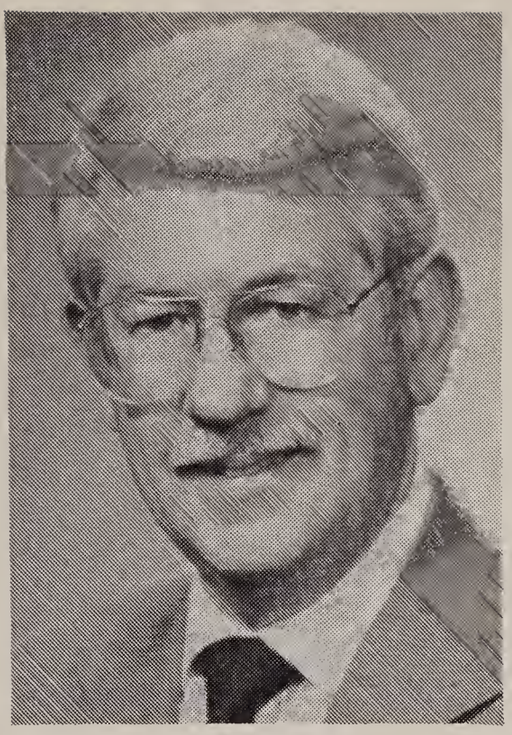
Charlotte K. Messmore



Linda J. Nelson - Medicine Lake, District 19, Democrat. Born June 12, 1942 in Plentywood; graduate of Medicine Lake High School, attended college; farm wife and agricultural counselor; has served as a three-term member and chairman of Medicine Lake Board of Trustees; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Roger, they have two daughters and a son.

Linda J. Nelson

Thomas E. Nelson - Billings, District 95, Republican. Born Sept. 17, 1934 in Bronxville, New York; moved to Montana in 1940; graduate of Great Falls High School, BS in business administration from University of Montana; self-employed as general life insurance agent; served two years on Billings City Zoning Commission; served in House since 1987; wife's name is Bernie, they have two sons.



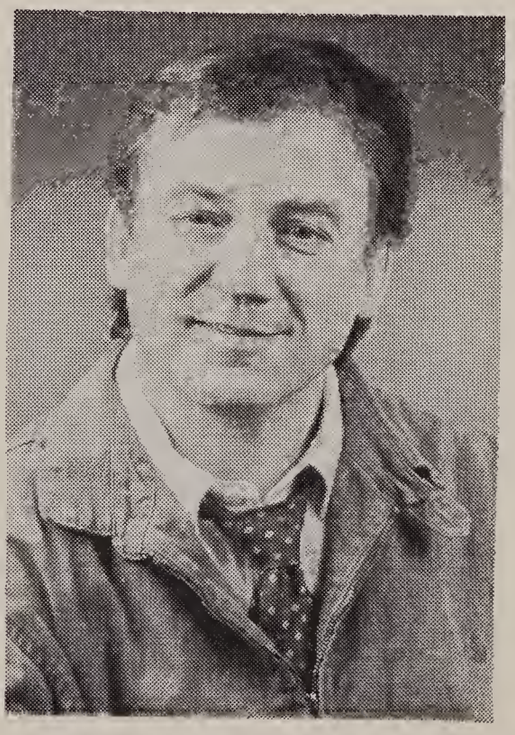
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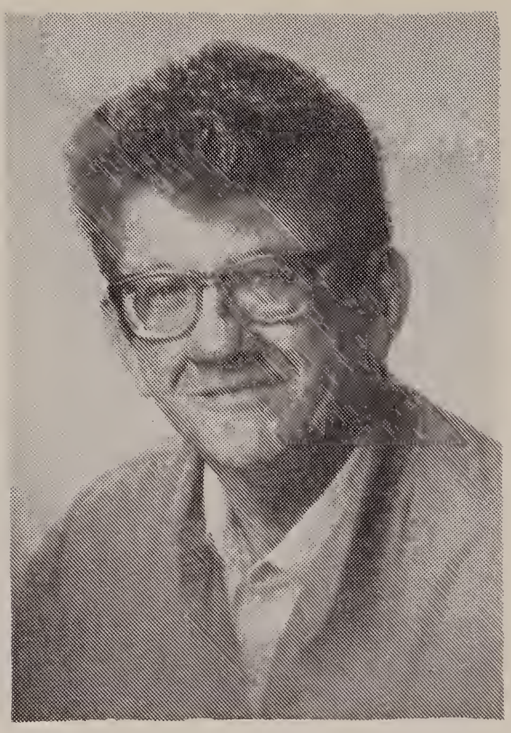
Jerry Nisbet

Jerry Nisbet - Great Falls, District 35, Democrat. Born Sept. 13, 1941 in Great Falls; BS Montana State University, graduate work College of Great Falls; teacher; president Board of Directors, Region II Child and Family Services; U.S. Army 1964-69; received Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star; served in House since 1983; wife's name is Emily, they have three daughters and a son.

Mark D. O'Keefe - Helena, District 45, Democrat. Born July 10, 1952 in Pittston, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 1977; MS in environmental studies from the University of Montana; water policy consultant/park service concessionaire; has served two terms and as vice chairman of Helena Citizen's Council; U.S. Army Vietnam era veteran; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Lucy Dayton DVM, they have a daughter and a son.



Mark D. O'Keefe



Robert J. Pavlovich

Robert J. Pavlovich - Butte, District 70, Democrat. Born June 6, 1929 in Butte; attended local schools; small business owner; served in U.S. Army; served in House since 1979; wife's name is Kathleen, they have two sons and four daughters.



Ray Peck

Ray Peck - Havre, District 15, Democrat. Born June 23, 1926 in Whitefish; BA College of Great Falls, ME University of Montana and EdD Montana State University; Counseling Psychologist; delegate White House Conference on Handicapped and Problems Western States; past president AA School Administrators; Legislative Finance Committee vice chairman; received College of Great Falls Alumni Merit Award 1966; U.S. Army Air Force 1944-47; served in the House since 1983; wife's name is Betty, they have a family of seven.



Mary Lou Peterson

Mary Lou Peterson - Eureka, District 1, Republican. Born May 5, 1931 in Okanogan, WA.; came to Montana in 1962; BA from Eastern Washington College, Cheney, WA., MA from Eastern Montana College, also attended Whitworth College; Montana elementary teacher from 1962 to 1983; served in House since 1985; husband's name is David, they have four sons.

John E. Phillips - Great Falls, District 33, Republican. Born June 10, 1928, in Livingston, Kentucky; came to Montana in 1971; attended local schools in Kentucky; retired U.S. Air Force after 31 years in military service; served in House since 1981; wife's name is Peggy, they have one son.



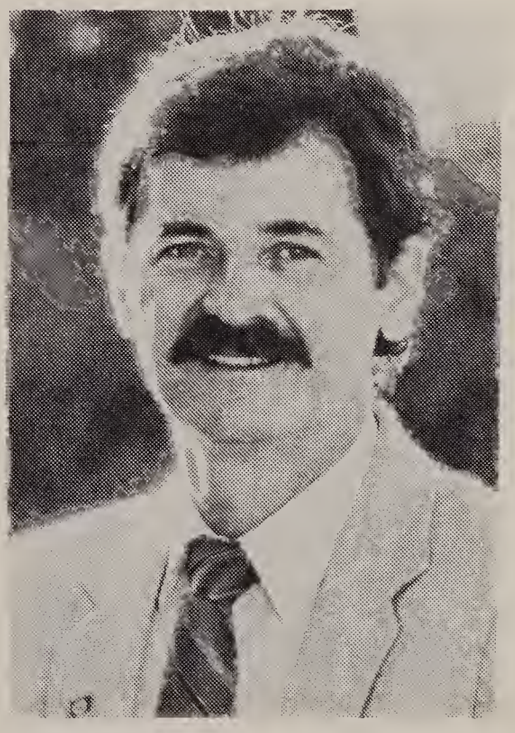
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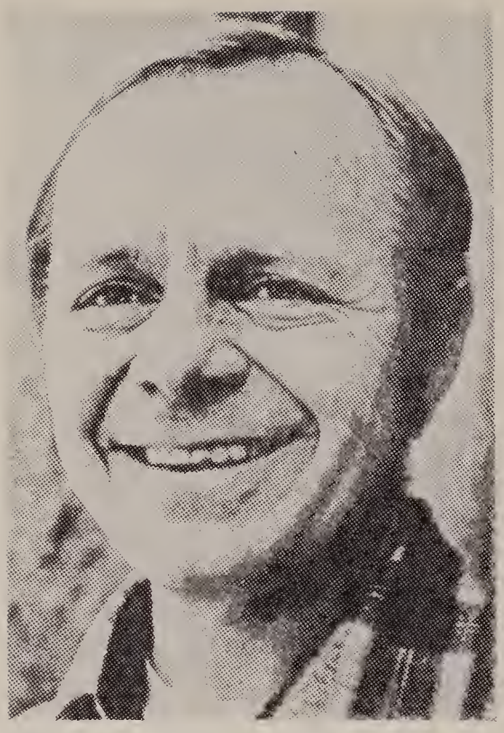
Joe Quilici

Joe Quilici - Butte, District 71, Democrat. Born July 6, 1925 in Butte; attended Montana State University; glazier, Quilici Glass; served in House since 1971; veteran World War II; chairman Montana Consumer Counsel Committee; member Ad Hoc Committee and Council of State Governments; Democratic Whip 1985, Minority Whip 1987; wife's name is Georgia, they have two sons and three daughters.

Bob Raney - Livingston, District 82, Democrat. Born July 20, 1945 in Michigan City, Indiana; came to Montana same year; BS in Earth Science, Montana State University; gift shop owner; veteran Vietnam, awarded Bronze Star; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Jeanne-Marie Souvigney, they have two daughters.

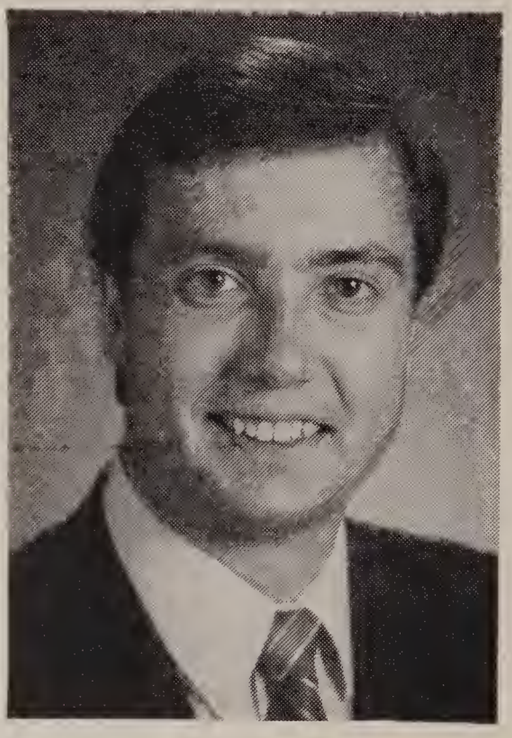


Bob Raney



Robert R. Ream - Missoula, District 54, Democrat. Born Aug. 2, 1936 in Richland Center, Wisconsin; came to Montana in 1969; BS in Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, MS in Botany, University of Utah, PhD in Botany, University of Wisconsin; professor, University of Montana; served in House since 1983; wife's name is Beth Ferris, he has one son and one daughter.

Robert R. Ream



Jim Rice - Helena, District 43, Republican. Born Nov. 15, 1957 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario; came to Montana in 1970; graduate of Glasgow High School, BA in political science from Montana State University, law degree from University of Montana; attorney; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Norine, they have two daughters.

Jim Rice



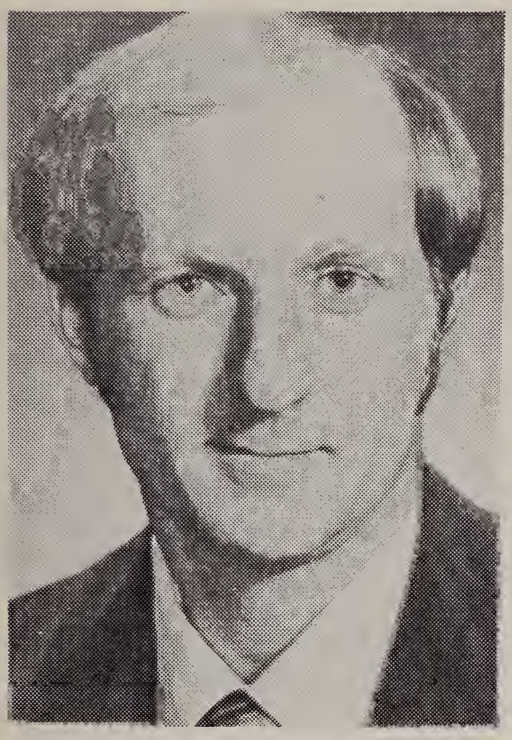
Sheila Rice - Great Falls, District 36, Democrat. Born June 28, 1947 in Anaconda; graduate of Great Falls Central High School and College of Great Falls with BS in chemistry; Great Falls Gas Company vice president; president, United Way of Cascade County; president, Energy Share of Montana; served in House 1991; single, she has three adult children.

Sheila Rice

Angela Russell - Lodge Grass, District 99, Democrat. Born Aug. 25, 1943 in Crow Agency; attended Lodge Grass and Hardin Schools, BA from University of Montana, MSW from Tulane Univesity; social worker; three years Lodge Grass school trustee; treasurer, National Indian Social Workers Association; member, Casey Family Foundation; member, Development Disabilities Planning Advisory Council; served in House since 1987; unmarried.



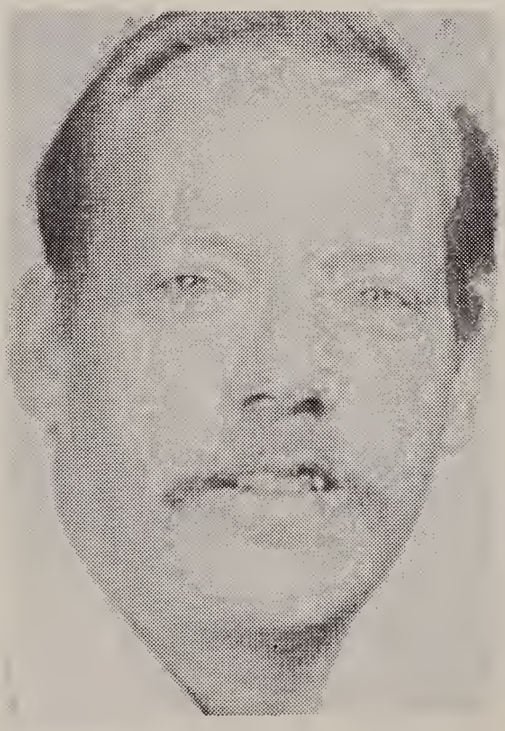
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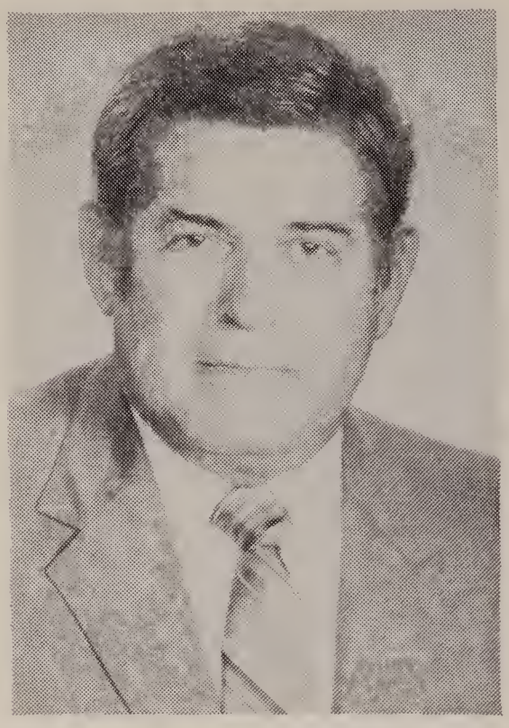
Ted Schye

Ted Schye - Glasgow, District 18, Democrat. Born Feb. 6, 1948 in Miles City; Bachelor's degree and graduate work University of Montana; farmer, former educator; member Valley County Development Council; currently director Hi-Plains Land and Mineral Owners Assn. and officer in Valley County Historical Society; served in House since 1983; wife's name is Brenda, they have one son.

John Scott - Ballantine, District 97, Democrat. Born Sept. 8, 1950 in Billings; graduate of Billings Senior High School, attended Eastern Montana College and Mountain States Line Apprentice school; automotive accessory sales businessman; served in House 1991; wife's name is Victoria, they have three sons.



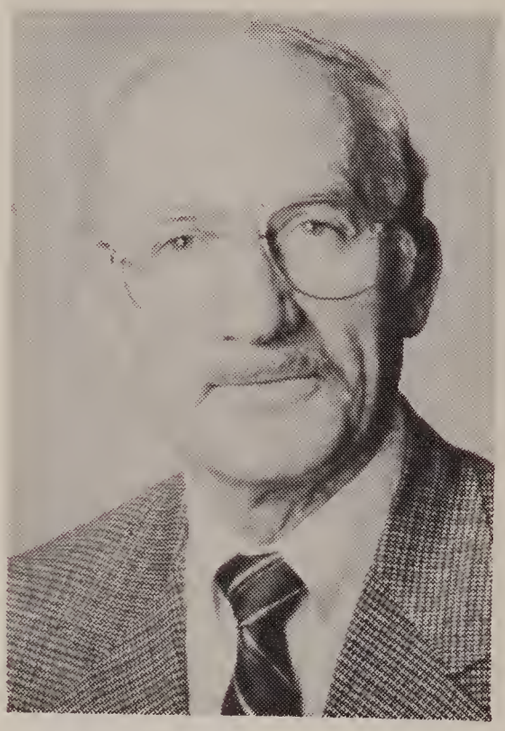
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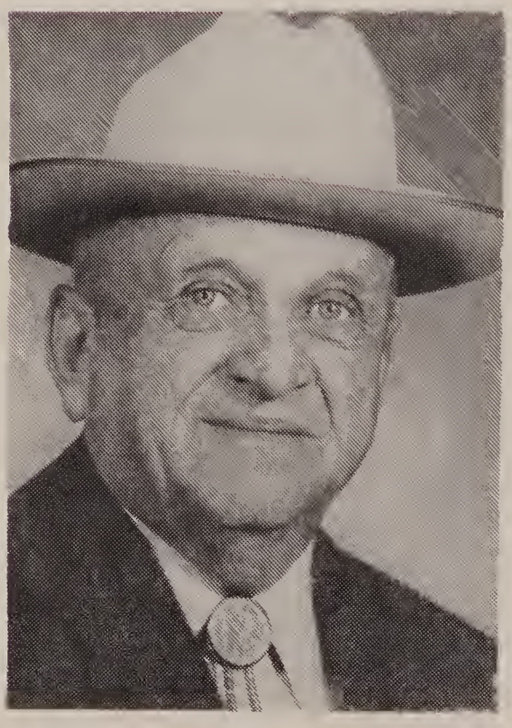
Richard D. Simpkins

Richard D. Simpkins - Great Falls, District 39, Republican. Born August 15, 1934 in Riverside, California; moved to Montana in 1973; graduate of Riverside Polytechnic High School, BA in industrial management from University of California, Santa Barbara; U.S. Army retired; has served as committeeman and executive board member of Cascade County Republican Central Committee; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Mary Jo, they have two sons and two daughters.

Jim Southworth - Billings, District 86, Democrat. Born Oct. 3, 1929 in Columbus; semi-retired carpenter; served one term on Laurel City Council; past president of District 4, Montana Old Time Fiddlers Organization; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in House 1991; single, he has three grown children.



Jim Southworth



Wilbur Spring

Wilbur Spring - Belgrade, District 77, Republican. Born Jan. 6, 1921 in Belgrade; graduate of Belgrade High School, attended Montana State University two years; retired rancher; served as member and for eight years as chairman of the Belgrade School Board of Trustees; former director of Montana School Boards Association; served in House since 1989; widower, he has three daughters and two sons.

Carolyn Squires - Missoula, District 58, Democrat. Born Sept. 25, 1940 in Whitefish; attended Everett and Seattle, Washington schools; associate degree in arts and sciences from Everett Junior College, LPN from Missoula Vo-Tech; licensed practical nurse; served in House since 1987; husband's name is Harold, they have two sons.



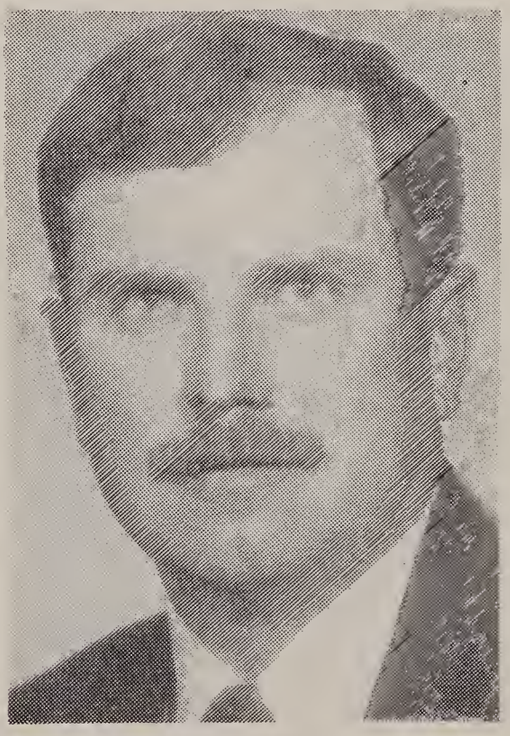
Carolyn Squires



Barry "Spook" Stang

Barry "Spook" Stang - Alberton, District 52, Democrat. Born Dec. 5, 1950 in Missoula; attended St. Regis Schools, BA in accounting from Carroll College; retail grocery; Mineral County Tax Appeal Board 1984-85; chairman, Mineral County Housing Authority; served in House since 1987; wife's name is JoAnn, they have a son and a daughter.

Don Steppler - Brockton, District 21, Democrat. Born May 12, 1954 in Sidney; graduate of Lambert High School; third generation farmer/rancher; member of Richland County Planning Board, Richland County Fair Board and Knights of Columbus; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Kathy.



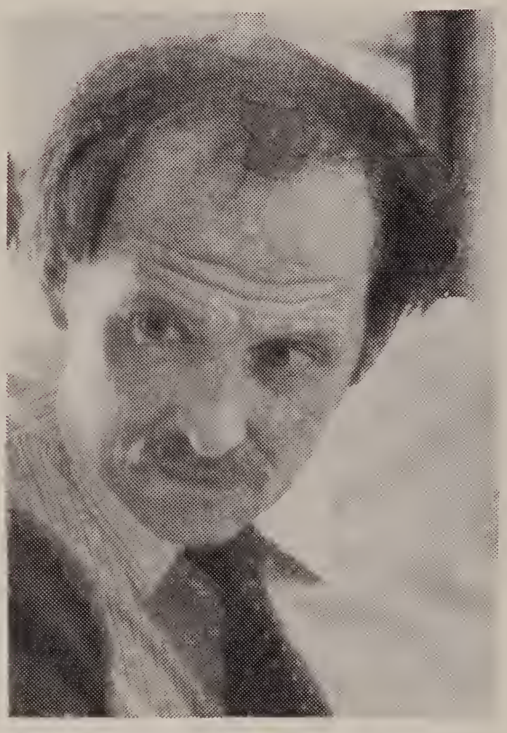
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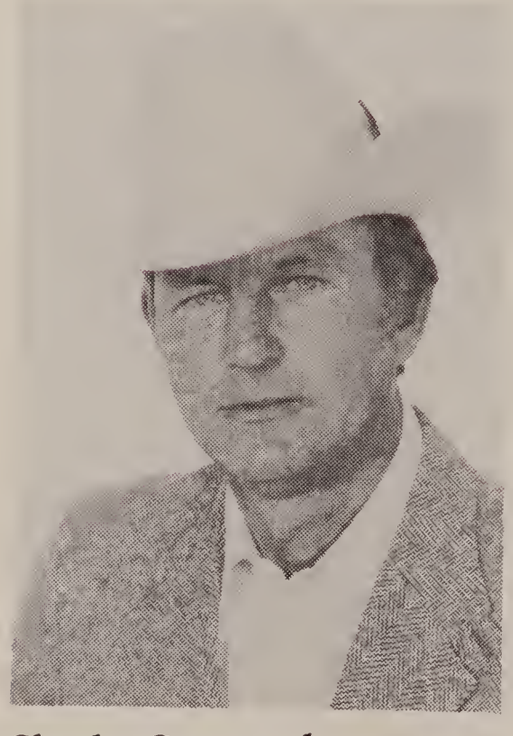
Jessica P. Stickney

Jessica P. Stickney - Miles City, District 26, Democrat. Born May 16, 1929 in Duluth, Minnesota; came to Montana in 1955; graduate of Stanbrook Hall, Duluth, BA in history and political science from Macalester College, St. Paul; homemaker/volunteer; served six years as member of Miles City School Board of Trustees, member for two years of Local Government Study Commission, and since 1975 as a member of the Miles Community College Board; served in House since 1989; husband's name is Edwin, they have two daughters and one son.

William Strizich - Great Falls, District 41, Democrat. Born March 18, 1949 in Great Falls; attended Great Falls schools, BS in sociology/criminal justice from Montana State University; juvenile probation officer ; active in community affairs including the Crimestoppers program and local private non-profit youth services programs; involved in youth soccer; served in House since 1987; wife's name is Jeanne, they have one son.



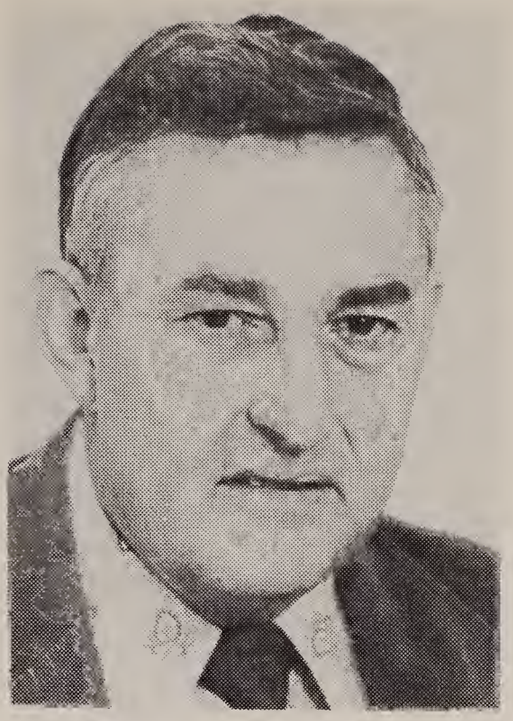
William Strizich



Charles Swysgood

Charles Swysgood - Dillon, District 73, Republican. Born March 30, 1939 in Ohio; came to Montana in 1980; attended Wooster, Ohio schools and LaSalle Extension University; rancher; former school board trustee and president; board of directors of Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce; co-president, transportation committee of Beaverhead Economic Development Corp.; served in House since 1987; wife's name is Dorothy, they have a family of two.

Bob Thoft - Stevensville, District 63, Republican. Born July 13, 1929 in Stevensville; educated in local schools; rancher/businessman; served in House since 1979; wife's name is Alice, they have one son and two daughters.



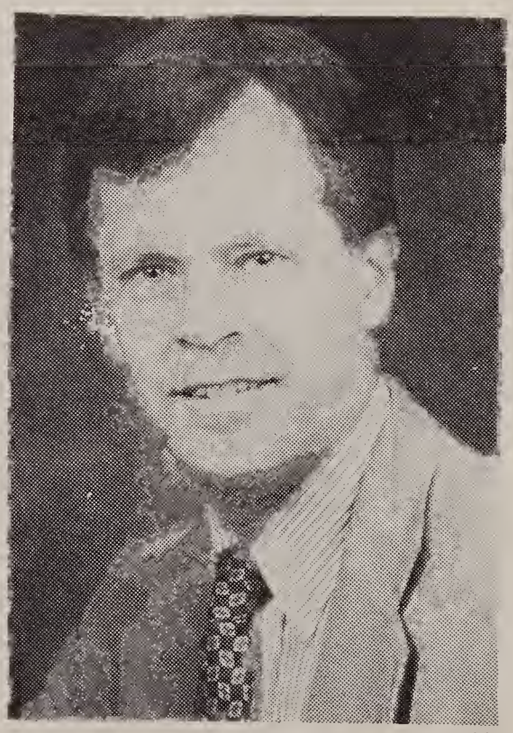
Bob Thoft



Fred Thomas

Fred Thomas - Stevensville, District 62, Republican. Born June 27, 1958 in Hamilton; attended local schools; degree in Business Finance from Montana State University; small businessman, insurance sales; director and past president, Professional Insurance Agents of Montana; MSU Student Body president 1978-79; Stevensville School Board 1982-84; Caucus liason; served in House since 1985; wife's name is Suzzie, they have three sons.

Howard K. Toole - Missoula, District 60, Democrat. Born Aug. 2, 1949 in Missoula; graduate of Missoula Sentinal High School, Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, with BA and the University of Montana with JD; attorney; member, Montana Board of Health and Environmental Sciences, 1983 to present and chairman, 1988 to present; chairman, Missoula County Democratic Central Committee, 1981-83, secretary, 1984-88; commissioner, Missoula Housing Authority, 1983-85; member Montana Democratic Executive Committee, 1982-84; served in House 1991; single, he has one daughter.



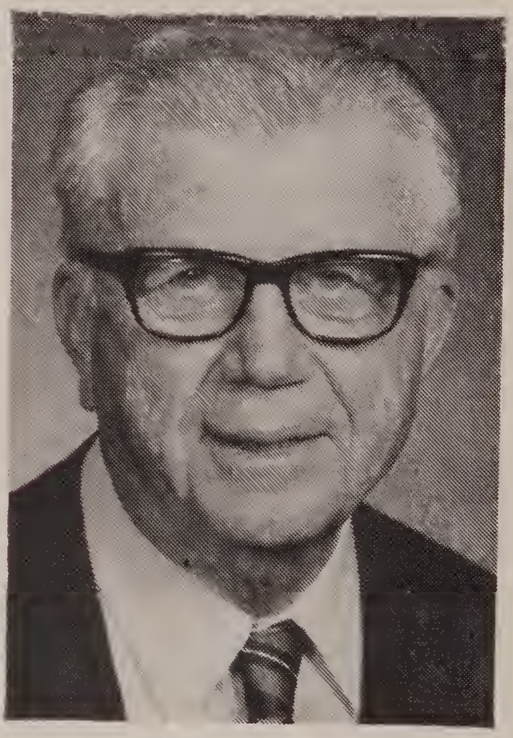
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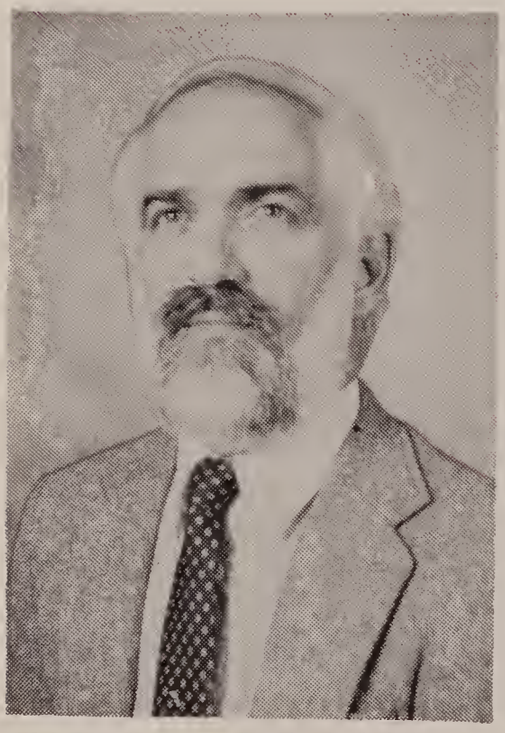
Rolph Tunby - Plevna, District 24, Republican. Born Oct. 31, 1933 in Fallon County; graduate of Baker High School; farmer/rancher; Fallon County Commissioner, 1965-1970; served in House since 1990.

Rolph Tunby

Norman E. Wallin - Bozeman, District 78, Republican. Born Oct. 4, 1914 in Hannaford, ND.; came to Montana in 1946; attended local schools in ND.; BA from Concordia College; automobile dealer; past president Bozeman Chamber of Commerce and Montana Automobile Dealers Assn.; director and trustee Bozeman Deaconess Hospital; recipient Time Magazine Automobile Montana Quality Dealer Award 1973; regent Concordia College 1955-65; director, Bozeman Human Resources Development Council; U.S. Naval Officer WW II; served in House since 1981; wife's name is Clarice, they have a family of two.



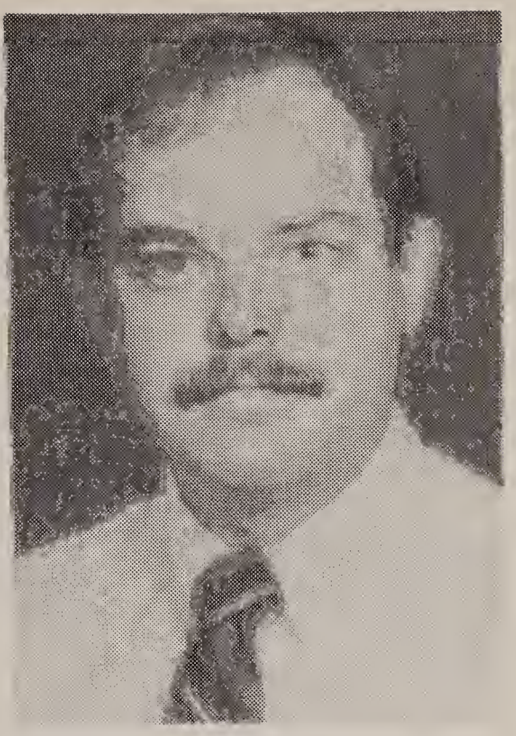
Norman E. Wallin



David Wanzenried - Kalispell, District 7, Democrat. Born Nov. 20, 1948 in Upland, California; came to Montana in 1968; graduate of Twin Falls, Idaho, High School and University of Montana with BA and MA in political science; transportation marketer; director, Department of Community Affairs, 1981; Chief of Staff to Gov. Ted Schwinden, 1981-84; Commissioner of Labor, 1984-86; chairman, Helena Regional Airport Board, 1981-83; U.S. Naval Reserve; served in House 1991; he has two sons.

David Wanzenried

Timothy J. Whalen - Billings, District 93, Democrat. Born Aug. 28, 1956 in Billings; attended Billings parochial schools, BSBA from Creighton University; JD Saint Louis University; admitted to Montana Bar 1982; attorney; past president, Yellowstone County Democratic Club; served in House since 1987; unmarried.



Timothy J. Whalen



Diana Wyatt

Diana Wyatt - Great Falls, District 37, Democrat. Born Aug. 25, 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; moved to Montana in 1974; Bachelors degree in biology from Radford University, Virginia, and masters degree in counseling from Niagara University, New York; coordinator at School for Deaf and Blind; served in House since 1989; spouse's name is Michael, they have one daughter.

Tom Zook - Miles City, District 25, Republican. Born Jan. 29, 1932 in Miles City; graduate of Custer County High School; rancher; served nine years as a school board trustee and nine years as a director of the Miles City PCA, has served on the advisory board for Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 1989; wife's name is Isabel, they have five daughters and two sons.



Tom Zook

The Way It Happened...

by Gary Langley, Co-Editor
"Lawmakers of Montana"

Recovering from minor surgery in December 1986, I had little to do except lie in bed, read, watch television and think. With a session of the Legislature quickly approaching, my thoughts repeatedly turned to the Center of Learning located at 6th and Montana avenues in Helena.

"I wonder if we could raise the money to resurrect the Copper Book?" I asked my wife as my thoughts turned to the students, professors and alumni who pass under the Copper Dome every two years. I referred to the book, "Lawmakers of Montana," published for many years by the Anaconda Co. until it was discontinued in 1985 after The Company left the state. Several phone calls later, the Copper Book was reborn.

Working on our third consecutive edition during the Thanksgiving weekend, Pam and I were stunned as we glanced through the black marks smudged over the faces and biographies of those who had passed through the Halls of Learning two years ago. They were replaced with 45 new photographs and biographies, the freshman class of 1991.

As we paged through the black smudges and editing marks of the old book, we made several enlightening discoveries. The new Dean of Students for the Republican class in the House of Representatives will be Orval Ellison, who began his legislative career in 1975. Francis Bardonouve, a legislator since 1959, will continue his tenure as Dean of Students to the House Democrats. In the Senate, the Democrats' Dean of Students will be Chet Blaylock who has served since 1975; the Dean of Republicans will be Bob Brown, who first served in the House in 1971 and began his Senate tenure the same year as Blaylock.

Those statistics were particularly unsettling to me as I realized that only one legislator - Bardonouve - who will serve in 1991 was there in 1969 when I first arrived at the University at 6th and Montana. He was a respected member of the faculty by then, teaching young reporters and legislators alike.

It was the year after Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey for President in which the War in Vietnam was the major issue; the year after Forrest Anderson was elected governor on an anti-sales tax platform. It was the year Pam and I supplemented our journalism training at the University of Montana by traveling to Helena for post-graduate work by covering part of the session for the Montana Kaimin, the UM student newspaper.

It was, by all accounts, a long time ago, and faces and names from the past paraded through my mind that night as I lay awake.

In 1971, I covered parts of the Legislature for The Missoulian. Two years later, during Montana's grand experience with annual sessions in 1973-74, I covered the sessions full-time as a reporter for, then chief of, the Lee Newspapers State Bureau. I have been there ever since as a reporter and lobbyist.

The faces passed throughout the night: students who had flunked out, students who changed majors, students who went on to other institutions of higher learning.

There were bright, young students - Stan Stephens and Allen Kolstad, now governor and lieutenant governor of Montana; Max Baucus, senior United States Senator from Montana, and Jean Turnage, chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court. Students who changed majors - Hal Harper and George Turman who entered the University as Republicans and later became Democrats. Harper today is speaker of the House; Turman went on to become a member of the Public Service Commission and lieutenant governor. It also is an institution of distinguished retired faculty, Jack Galt of the Republicans and Paul Boylan of the Democrats, the latest to take emeritus status. I won't mention the ones who flunked out.

But with all those faces and names passing by throughout the night, one fact stuck in my mind: There is nothing more certain than change. During the last 22 years that will touch three decades, the makeup of the Legislature has been transformed several times and the pendulum has swung from one spectrum to another. Those who continue to serve are there because they have been elected and re-elected again by those they represent. And because of those who served yesterday, those who serve today and those who will serve tomorrow, Montana is a better place for them.